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Dave McDonald named Citizen of Year

BY JANET MCQUEEN

Lifelong Bay St. Louis resident David McDonald Sr. was named Citizen of the Year at the annual Hancock County Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday night at Diamondhead Country Club.

The honoree's numerous business and civic contributions were highlighted by outgoing Chamber president John Mason.

The owner of Dave McDonald Lumber Company, and later Dave McDonald Flooring, retired in 1990 after 32 years. He began his career in the family-owned W. A. McDonald & Sons in 1946.

Currently president of the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, he is the second longest serving commissioner.

McDonald was awarded a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for his service to country in Belgium and in Germany's Battle of the Bulge as a member of the 84th Infantry.

He and another American soldier were featured in *Stars and Stripes* after convincing a group of German soldiers they were surrounded by a large contingent of Americans. The two marched the whole group to a POW camp. He was honorably discharged as a Captain.

"He is a devoted member of the Main Street United Methodist Church," said Mason. He has served in many capacities, including Sunday School teacher for 31 years. He is president of the board of the Methodist Assembly Campground in Biloxi and was delegate to the state conference for two years.

McDonald has been a dedicated volunteer to many organizations. Among these are:

—Disaster chairman after Hurricanes Betsy and Camille;

—Former president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club;

—Member of the Gulf Coast Economic Development Council;

—Member of the Hancock County Historical Society with many published articles detailing the history of the county;

—Alumni of the Year, Mississippi State Alumni Association, Hancock chapter;

—Dupont/DeLisle Plant advisory committee; and

—Treasurer of the Katrina Overall McDonald

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Ritten, Coast Delta Realty honored with Chamber Community Pride Award



Ritten, left, accepts award from incoming Chamber president David Treutel Jr.

BY JANET MCQUEEN

Diamondhead's Coast Delta Realty and owner Jon Ritten embody community pride.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce honored the business and Ritten with the fourth annual Community Pride Award at the annual Christmas banquet Friday night at Diamondhead Country Club.

"This award is given for continued commitment to community service, community development and beautification," said Chamber incoming president David Treutel Jr. "Tonight's recipient has gone above and beyond in all these areas."

"He has been instrumental in the growth of Diamondhead in a number of ways."

Ritten is a charter member and former president of the Rotary Club of Diamondhead. He has been an international host for exchange students and guests of Rotary.

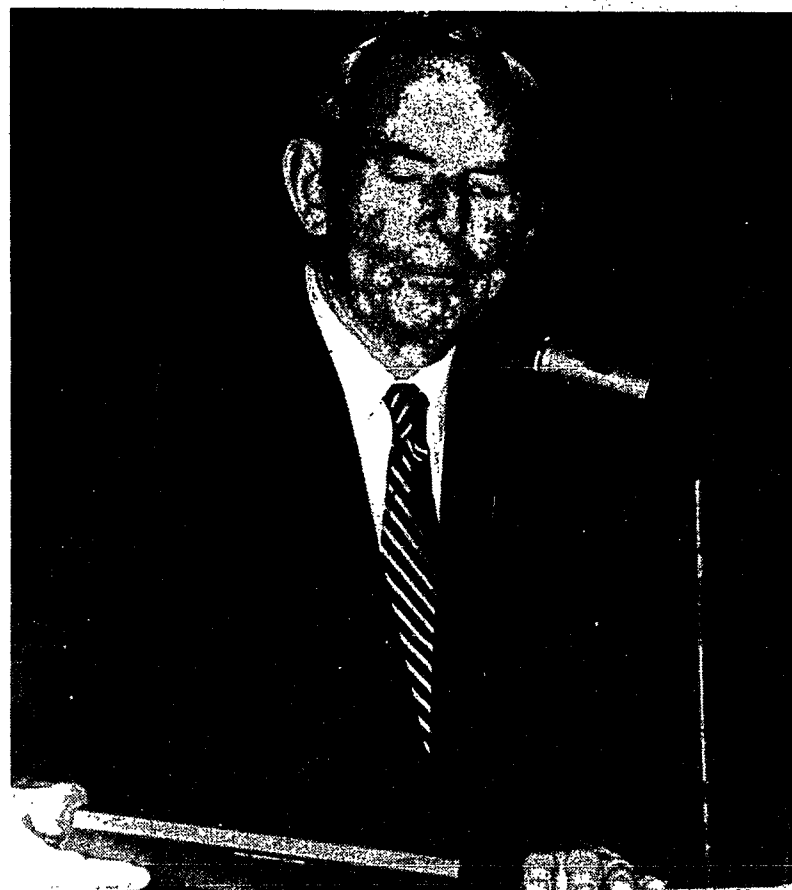
"He has helped coach Little League baseball and worked for the enhancement of fire service for Diamondhead," noted Treutel.

The honoree has served on the Chamber board of directors since 1989, serving twice as treasurer. He is president of the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association.

He opened Coast Delta Realty in 1984 with four employees. The staff has now grown to nine. The president of Rex Land Company, Ritten is developing the business park Indian Hill, on 18 acres in the heart of the Diamondhead business district.

The buildings are planned to be "sensitive to the ecology" and will be aesthetically harmonious. Plans include a palm tree-lined boulevard, small man-made lakes and a park area landscaped with oaks and dogwoods.

Ritten's wife, Susan, and son Jon, are also affiliated with Coast Delta Realty.



David McDonald Sr.

Manpower shortage cause of long waits at license bureau

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis City Council member Thomas Farve may have jumped from the frying pan to the fire in his quest to get a duplicate driver's license.

"I went to Gulfport and I still didn't get my license," said Farve on Thursday. He said the driver's license bureau doors were locked shortly before 4 p.m., although a sign stated the office doors would be open until 4:30.

Tuesday, Farve waited in line for about an hour at Bay St. Louis City Hall to replace the driver's license he said was stolen from him recently. He was exasperated to learn, after his wait, that he needed two forms

of identification before he could get a duplicate license.

After detailing his bad time to fellow city council members Tuesday night, the council agreed to write a letter to Highway Patrol officials asking that more people be assigned to the driver's license office, and that its hours be expanded.

Wednesday, he made the trip to Gulfport, only to find that office closed early. He said he decided not to become upset over the wasted trip, but others who couldn't get in the Gulfport doors "were raising hell about it."

Master Sgt. Ronnie Turan, who heads Drivers Services for the Highway Patrol in six south-

ern Mississippi counties, said he understands the problems Farve has had, and is "very much" sympathetic.

"I understand where he's coming from" with the complaints, he said. But, he added, there's a serious manpower shortage behind most of the difficulties.

Turan said his agency has lost three people to casino employment and others have found better paying jobs elsewhere.

In addition to being strapped for manpower, some bureau personnel wrestle with working on a traveling basis five days a week, serving Bay St. Louis on

BUREAU—Page 3

Annual Christmas parade rescheduled

The annual Bay St. Louis Christmas parade is rescheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11, due to a downpour just prior to starting time on Dec. 4.

The parade, sponsored by the Hancock County Chamber of Com-

merce, will roll at 1 p.m. on the 11th, according to Chamber executive director Cindy Vernon. The charity football contest between the Bay St. Louis Police Dept. and Hancock Sheriff's Dept. will also be Saturday.

Sand beach renewal soon to be a reality

BY AMY PICKICH

If all goes according to plans, Hancock supervisors' sand beach renewal project could be completed by late summer, according to Bill Mitchell, engineer for the project.

Supervisors will open contract bids at the Jan. 27 meeting, with work beginning sometime in February. Mitchell said the project should last five to six months.

Mitchell proposed four different projects at Tuesday board meeting for a possible total of 5.72 miles of beach, some 200-ft. wide, to be replenished. The initial project was intended to replenish about 2.3 miles.

The base project from

Washington Avenue to Vacation Lane includes 3.1 miles of beach. The project could extend to Woodland Avenue near Buccaneer Park depending on contractor's bids.

Mitchell estimated the base project to cost some \$1.9 million. If the entire 5.72 miles is completed, the project could cost about \$4 million. His figures included a 5 percent contingency, but did not include fees for engineering, testing or protective fences and vegetation.

The sand will be pumped some 1,200 ft. offshore from an area between Whispering Pines and Ramoneda Street.

PORT & HARBOR

The board approved Port and Harbor Commission items, as submitted by commission president David McDonald, including the resignation of commissioner Walter "Pete" Beebe.

McDonald said his resignation was accepted "with regret," as Beebe had been "a tremendous help during this difficult time."

The board approved District 1 Supervisor Robert Peterson's recommendation of Lonnie Ladner Sr., to fill Beebe's unexpired term on the commission from District 1.

Board president Mike Ladner commended McDonald for keeping things running smoothly at the commission

since the resignation of director Harold "Buz" Olsen. McDonald credited an "excellent staff" for the success of the commission.

As requested by tax collector Eddie Murtagh, the adopted a policy concerning meal reimbursement of county officials on overnight business. Chancery Clerk Mike Nicaise said there was no written policy on the matter, but the board had an unwritten policy requiring travel vouchers for reimbursement.

Murtagh announced that the tax office would be closed now

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Mitchell displays plan

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TIDES

WEEK OF 12-5-93

DAY	HIGH	LOW	DAY	HIGH	LOW
Sun.	2:24 a.	1:35 p.	Thurs.	8:32 p.	7:26 a.
Mon.	2:29 a.	1:11 p.	Fri.	9:11 p.	8:05 a.
		9:22 p.	Sat.	9:54 p.	8:47 a.
Tues.	8:08 p.	11:24 a.	Sun.	10:40 p.	9:39 a.
Wed.	8:07 p.	7:08 a.			

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choirs of First Church of Bay St. Louis will present a Christmas musical entitled *The Don't Be Afraid Brigade*. Sunday night at 6:30 in the sanctuary, 141 Main Street. Public invited.

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OBITUARIES

HAROLD K. DOE
COLENA M. LADNER
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HAROLD K. DOE
Harold "Harry" Kendal Doe, 39, of Houston, Texas died Tuesday, November 30, 1993 in Houston.

Mr. Doe was a native of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Survivors include his parents, Shirley M. and Robert E. Doe of Pass Christian; and two brothers, Thomas H. Doe of Conroe, Texas, and Richard A. Doe of Redwood City, California.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. at Bering Memorial United Methodist, 1440 Harold Street, Houston, Texas 77006.

The family prefers donations to the Bering Memorial UMS Spiritual Support Group or to one's favorite charity.

COLENA M. LADNER
Colena Marie Ladner, 62, of the Rocky Hill-Dedeaux community died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1993, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Ladner was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church, White Cypress community. She

was a lifelong resident of Hancock County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Varnadore Joseph and Mae Kirkland Ladner; and a brother, Vester Ladner.

Survivors include her husband, James E. Ladner Sr. of Rocky Hill-Dedeaux; four sons, James E. Ladner Jr., Dana C. Ladner, Raymond Ladner and Frank Ladner, all of Rocky Hill-Dedeaux; four daughters, Delbra Hudson of Rocky Hill-Dedeaux, Elaine Ladner and Beverly Cuevas, both of the Standard community and Mel-

lie Ladner of the Dubuison community; a brother, Chester C. Ladner; a sister, Lena Summers, both of Rocky Hill-Dedeaux; and 20 grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at the family's residence. Services were conducted Saturday at St. Matthew Catholic Church, White Cypress community. Burial was in Fenton Sandhill Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

HELEN G. ROGERS

Mrs. Helen G. Rogers, 73, of Bay St. Louis died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1993, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Rogers was a native of Moorehead. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James J. Rogers Sr.; a son, James J. "Buddy" Rogers Jr.; and a grandson, Larry Thomas Rogers.

Survivors include four grandchildren, James Rogers of Panama City, Fla., David Rogers of Slidell, La., Scott Rogers and Patsi Rogers, both of Waveland; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday in Lakelawn Memorial Park in Jackson.

ON PATROL

FIRE

Hancock County Forestry crew chief Larry Hoda said a man was rescued from a truck fire Wednesday that caused about four acres of land to burn in the Standard area.

Hoda said about five members of the Dedeaux Community Hunting Club were hunting when one hunter, Shane Ladner, went to check some smoke he saw nearby.

According to Hoda, Ladner pulled a man, who has multiple sclerosis, out of the truck that caught on fire from backfiring. The fire then spread to burn about four acres of woods.

"It was a good thing the hunters were in the area," Hoda said.

BURGLARIES

Waveland Police Chief James Varnell reported the arrest of three in recent burglaries in Waveland:

—Kevin Allen Bourgeois, 18, of Waveland was charged with one count of burglary of an occupied dwelling and two counts of burglaries of an unoccupied dwelling;

—Henry Paul Jordan Jr., 22, of Waveland was charged with two counts burglary of an unoccupied dwelling; and

—a 17-year-old Waveland juvenile was charged with one count burglary of an occupied dwelling and one count burglary of an unoccupied dwelling.

Bourgeois and Jordan were each released on a \$10,000 bond, while the juvenile was released to his parents.

According to Varnell, the investigation is continuing with additional arrests expected.

Investigator Ricky Jacobs is in charge of the investigation, and he is assisted by investigators Greg Martin and Frank Miller.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Sunday, December 5
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Matinee performance, 2 p.m.

The Coast Youth Ballet Ensemble is proud to present this classic Christmas performance to the Hancock County area.

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WAVELAND FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Coleman Avenue
In Waveland, 5-8 p.m.

Coleman Avenue will be the location for holiday activities beginning with a Christmas Lighting at 5 p.m. and the arrival of Santa Claus.

Entertainment for the evening to be provided by area school and church choirs. Several old-time carolers will be strolling around as visitors enjoy refreshments and goodies at open houses hosted by the merchants of Coleman Avenue.

Ole-time trolley rides will take visitors on a delightful trip down Christmas Card Lane and Christmas Door Lane or to view the spectacular decorations of area homes.

The activities will culminate with Santa lighting the Christmas bonfire at the end of Coleman Avenue at Beach Boulevard. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the spirit of the season Waveland style!

CHRISTMAS CARD LANE
Mollere Drive, Waveland, 6-8 p.m.

The residents of Mollere Drive kick off the season in style with a luminaire lighting at 6 p.m. and Santa visiting from 8 to 8 p.m. The Christmas Cards will be lit each evening until Christmas for the community's enjoyment.

Wednesday, December 8

GINGERBREAD HOUSE
CONSTRUCTION, DECORATING
AND DEMONSTRATION

Ruth's Bakery, 130 Court Street
Bay St. Louis, 6-8:30 p.m.

Attendance limited to 15 (adults only please). The demonstration will show how to cut out, construct and decorate a house so it will stay up. Printed copies of recipes for gingerbread and the icing used for glue will be given to the attendees. This will not be a hands-on workshop, but a demonstration.

Thursday, December 9

CHAMBER'S
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
Adams Lorraine Flower Shop
315 Ulman Avenue
Bay St. Louis, 5-7 p.m.

Christmas concert at BHS

The Bay High School band and chorus will present their annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, in McGee Auditorium at the high school.

The public is invited and admission is free. The concert will feature the beginner band, the high school band and the junior high chorus.

The band is under the direction of Rudy Rowell. The chorus is under the direction of Carol Cline.

Correction

In a story published Thursday, David Treutel Sr. was identified as president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Our Lady of the Gulf Parish. Treutel is vice president of the organization, as is H. L. Robinson.

Earl Salaun is society president.

The Sea Coast Echo regrets the error.

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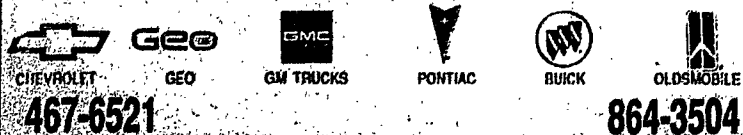
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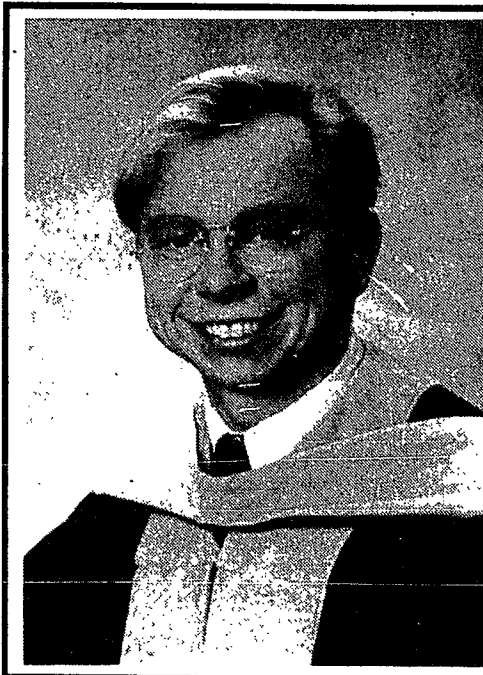
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on Saturdays because few customers come in on that day. He said employees would spend that day working the mail, as 90 percent of all payments come through the mail.

WAVELAND STREETS

The board authorized road superintendent Sam Cuevas to do the necessary work on to assist Waveland in two road projects, as requested by Mayor Stella Prilot.

She requested assistance on repairs to Audrey Street and expansion plans on Debuc Lane.

The board approved the requests of Parks and Recreation president A.L. Franklin to accept the resignation of full-time employee Peggy Bennett and that two part-time employees, be moved to full-time. Franklin said funds for the staff changes were in the budget.

Peterson asked Franklin what the status was on the playground equipment for Pearlinton. Franklin said he was waiting on the recreation department in Pearlinton to tell him where to put the equipment.

The board authorized county engineer Larry Seal to work with Bill Johnson on testing county owned soil for the Pearlinton rubbish site. Johnson said the soil must meet state

requirements or the county will have to purchase it elsewhere.

HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR

By a vote of 3-2, with Peterson and District 3 Supervisor Howard Lizana voting against the matter, the board accepted the low bid for a hydraulic excavator that was previously taken under advisement.

Lizana said he wanted to keep the bids for the track hoe under advisement for the time being, as he did not think the county could afford it right now. Peterson said the equipment could be rented cheaper.

The machinery will cost the county \$2,382.18 per month for 48 months on a lease-purchase plan, with 4.24 percent interest. The equipment has a five-year or 7,500 hour warranty.

Cuevas said this was the best price and he needed the equipment to get work done in the county.

A resident of Clarence Garcia Road asked the board what the hold up on maintenance of the road. Cuevas said it would be finished by the middle of December.

Rural Cablevision technician Jeff Compton said it would be two to three weeks before a

problem on Fricke Street could be permanently fixed. The board asked Compton to get his manager in touch with them.

In other matters, the board approved:

—the payment of \$597.40 on the Sheriff's Department credit card;

—the payment of \$4,125.75 for a computer and printer from Coastal Computer Service for the board of supervisor's office.

—the resignation of Wallace Miles from the north community center and the part-time employment of Mary Ellen Wallace in his place.

—the part-time employment of Ed Dobson as a floater between all community centers.

The board went into executive session twice to discuss personnel matters. No action was taken during the sessions.

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Scholarship Fund, established after his mother's death in 1985.

The honoree is a graduate of Bay High School and Mississippi State University, where he

joined the freshman football team at age 16.

He celebrated 50 years of marriage to his college sweetheart, the former Lucille Smith of Wiggins. They have a son and a daughter and five grandchildren.

3 injured in 603 wreck

BY ELLIS CUEVAS

Emergency personnel had to cut out a windshield and take a seat out of a van in order to remove three persons trapped in a one vehicle accident on Highway 603 Saturday afternoon.

State Trooper David Murtagh said, "The driver told me he was trying stop for a turning vehicle, and a wheel locked. The van slid and flipped over on its top in a construction/drainage area."

A fourth person in the van, the driver, identified as Sidney Perkins of Metairie, La., wasn't injured, Murtagh said.

East Hancock volunteer firefighters and others standing knee deep in mud and water turned the van on its side and held it there

while Mobile Medic personnel attended the three trapped passengers.

Murtagh said he received a call at 12:18 p.m. for the accident at the intersection of Highway 603 and the Old Nicholson Avenue near Longfellow.

Working to remove the injured, it took Mobile Medic, firefighters and volunteers over one hour to free the third and final trapped victim.

The conditions of the injured, taken to Hancock Medical Center was not known at press time.

South traffic on Highway 603 was directed via the Waveland/Kiln Cut-off Road by Hancock County deputies, who assisted the State Trooper with traffic control.

Coats for Kids drive underway

Coats for children are being collected this month in a drive "Coats for Kids" sponsored by WLOX-TV 13, Edgewater Cleaners and Casino Magic.

Edgewater Cleaners offered to clean and repair coats. They

will be distributed by the Salvation Army.

Local drop-off points include Coast Electric main office in Bay St. Louis and Casino Magic.

For additional information, call 868-1188.

Gov. mansion open

The public is invited to a candlelight tour of the Governor's Mansion Dec. 17. The Governor and First Lady will greet visitors from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 359-3181.

Bureau

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Tuesdays, Picayune on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Poplarville on the first two Fridays of the month and Wiggins on the last two Fridays of the month.

Turan said he recently had to close the doors to the permanent driver's license office in Gulfport at 4 p.m., because there were 72 people inside who had to be dealt with before the office was to close at 5 p.m.

Normally, the doors are shut about a half-hour ahead of quitting time, to give workers time to write reports and finish dealing with customers inside.

In response to specific complaints that Farve had aired Tuesday, Turan said his agency is looking for an alternative to using space in Bay St. Louis City Hall, more convenient for the public.

He said although the Bay St. Louis office had been open two days a week at one point, its traditional Tuesday day of operations was by far busier than Mondays.

For instance, he said, the office produces 165 to 210 drivers license pictures on Tuesdays in Bay St. Louis, but was taking only 50 to 55 on Mondays. It currently opens only on Tuesdays.

Farve had complained that the office should have had a sign up for customers warning that two forms of identification are necessary to get a duplicate license.

Turan noted the license requirements are spelled out clearly in the state's drivers manual. And he said the bureau doesn't post signs in the locations it uses on a once-a-week basis because the landlords generally don't want anything put up on the walls.

Plus, he said, signs that are left in a location usually end up destroyed by the time it's reopened for driver's license matters.

Turan also stressed that requiring two forms of identification is a protection for drivers, making it more difficult for fraudulent duplication of licenses.

Still, Farve said he's run into a tremendous amount of sympathy and understanding from the general public as he's told his story. "There's just got to be a better system than that," he said.

Story Hour titles told

"Just Us Chickens" will be the theme for this week's children's story hour at the City-County Public Library in Bay St. Louis at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Henny Penney, *It's Perfectly True* and *Rosie's Walk* are books to be featured. Children will see the film "The Little Red Hen," and receive a coloring sheet. Refreshments will also be served.

"Animals" will be the theme at the Waveland Library Friday, Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Who Wants Arthur and *The Magic Donkey* are books to be featured. Children will receive color sheets and refreshments.

"More Christmas Fun" will be the theme at the Kiln Library Friday, Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

The Big Star and *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* are books to be read. Children will make reindeer puppets and sing Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served.

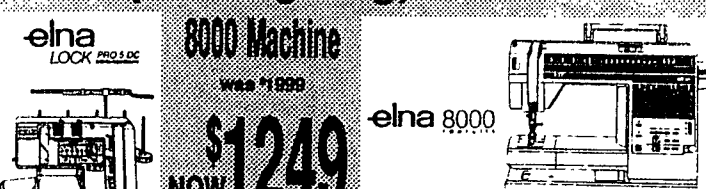
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"QUOTABLE QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

In Thursday's edition of the newspaper, we published two photos from two sections of the Pearlington Cemetery and told of how a resident was complaining about not having the grass and weeds cut.

Attempts were made at cutting the grass at the cemetery prior to All Saint's Day, but, not too much could be handled because of wet conditions.

Thursday afternoon I visited the cemetery with Hancock County Road Superintendent Sam Cuevas to get a bird's eye view of the situation.

Even without rain for several weeks, the cemetery is still very wet and boggy in many areas.

The cemetery, which was established when Pearlington was platted in the early 1800's, is placed a very low area.

Cuevas said the quotes on the repair and replacement of sections of the fencing are to be received Monday by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

As soon as it is dry enough, the sheriff's office is to send trustees to finish cutting the grass.

I spoke to several longtime residents of Pearlington, and one told me he has family buried in the cemetery. He takes care of that section and several other families do the same.

He also said he has seen many times when water had to be bailed out of the hole as graves were being dug.

Before the fence can be repaired, or replaced in some areas, a right-of-way will have to be cut, as the fence line has been taken over by trees.

The Pearlington Cemetery is interesting to walk through and check the names of many of Hancock County's founding families.

Many of the burials were in the early 1800's.

As soon as it is dry enough, Cuevas assured me that the entire cemetery grounds would be mowed.

Christmas activities continue today with two big events, one in Kiln and the other in Waveland.

The Waveland Festival of Lights begins at 5 p.m. and involves all of the Coleman Avenue merchants.

There will be trolley rides to take visitors on a delightful ride along Christmas Card Lane (Mollere Drive) and Christmas Door Lane (Lafitte Drive).

Santa will be on hand for the youngsters to make known their Christmas wishes.

The lighting of the bonfire at Coleman Avenue and the beach is set for 8 p.m.

Coleman Avenue merchants will be offering all types of goodies during the Festival of Lights.

Carolling will also be in front of City Hall and along Coleman.

The North Hancock Business and Professional Association's annual Christmas tree lighting will be at 6 tonight.

The tree will be at the intersection of the Highway 603 and Kiln/Delisle Road in Rooster's parking lot.

Billie Faye Lyons, president of the Business Association, urges everyone to come out and visit and join in the festivities.

There will be refreshments and goodies and Santa will make an appearance too.

Special music and carolling will be by Hancock High's choir.

On Wednesday there will be a very important blood drawing held at the Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post No. 139, Green Meadow Road.

J.D. (Big John) Rutherford, Hancock County chairman, said he is hoping there will be at least 100 units of blood collected.

The American Red Cross blood drawing will be the last scheduled for Hancock County this year.

The drawing will be from 1 to 7 p.m.

Rutherford encourages everyone able to give blood, to please do so Wednesday.

The American Red Cross supplies blood to Hancock Medical Center and the majority of the coastal hospitals.

Paul Harvey, executive director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission is scheduled as the feature speaker at Thursday's Hancock County Gaming & Tourism Association's meeting.

The T&G meeting will be held at the Waveland Resort, Inn, 8 a.m.

Harvey is a retired USAF Major General and was the former commander of Keesler Technical Center, Biloxi.

He will give an update on the status of pending gaming licenses within Hancock and other areas of the Coast.

In addition to T&G members, the meeting will be open to the public.

T&G spokesman Jim Henrie said, "Anyone interested in learning more about the status of the gaming industry in Mississippi is encouraged to attend."

LETTERS WELCOME

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste.

Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are considered inappropriate for the Letters to the Editor columns.

—Ellis Cuevas, publisher

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Joel Regimbal
5th grade

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Mississippi agreed to participate in the report, and the outcome was not good news for the state. Though Mississippi was ahead of Guam and the District of Columbia, the state ranked last among 41 states in the report — another "last" for the state, but one that can be corrected with the right attention.

U.S. Education Secretary Dick Riley cited television as a major problem contributing to poor reading skills among students. Some Mississippi educators agreed with this analogy.

The State Superintendent's office went a step further to say that poverty among the state's 500,000 public school students plays a role. Poverty has been cited in the past as a contributing factor to low test scores and poor learning among many of Mississippi's students.

In order to make improvements in reading and other basic skills, state educators are fighting to improve Mississippi-

pi's public school curriculum. According to the the State Superintendent's office, these changes will focus more on developing cognitive skills rather than just having students memorize isolated bits of information.

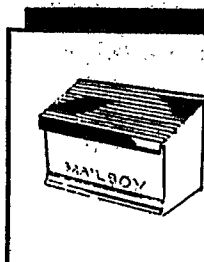
These moves by the state are going in the right direction, but the national claim — and the claim by several state educators — that allowing students to watch too much television is a factor contributing to poor reading habits should not come into play in this matter.

Looking at the national statistics, students in many of the states fared well on the reading tests — an oddity if television is to blame for low test scores. Is it that these states do not have television and, therefore, students in these states score higher on national examinations?

No, it's the fact that these states have solid and well-rounded public school systems — a goal that Mississippi must meet in order to get off the bottom in national education statistics.

Mississippi, it's time to turn off the claims that have little effects on the state's public education system and turn on efforts to improve public schools in the state.

Change the channel to improve public education.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good deed of returned purse taught a lesson

Dear Editor,

The day before Thanksgiving I was shopping with a small grandson. I left my purse in a parking lot cart.

When I returned home there was a message from the Waveland Police Department stating that they had my purse.

I went to get it and was told it was returned by two ladies who would not leave their names.

My gratitude is beyond words. I am hoping you will

print this so they will know that their caring, honest deed was something I will never forget, and they will be in my prayers daily.

The loss of my purse would have ruined my holidays and caused a great deal of anxiety.

The incident also helped my small grandson to learn about the good, honest, unselfish people in our world.

With a grateful heart,
Rhea Bollinger
Pass Christian

Waveland resident airs complaints

To the Editor:

The grass was cut on this street the 20 years I've lived here, but hasn't been cut for two years. Why?

I have huge holes the garbage truck made a year ago. Water and sewage was prom-

ised all over Waveland. All of my neighbors have water and sewage.

I called City Hall many times with no response.

Dorothy Bounds
Waveland

Don't let alcohol ruin the holidays

Dear Editor:

If your upcoming holiday news stories are like last year's, then I know I'll be reading more of the same tragic happenings where a person has become a victim of a drunk driving crash.

Even though I personally may not know the victim in the story, I know that his or her friends and family will be left with painful memories of the holiday season.

For everyone who is celebrating the spirit of the season, I'd like to say something before — and not after — the fact.

Be a responsible host if you're giving a holiday party. Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages available and don't push alcoholic drinks on people to "loosen them up." You can have fun without drinking.

Assign designated drivers. Make sure that one person in a group knows he or she is

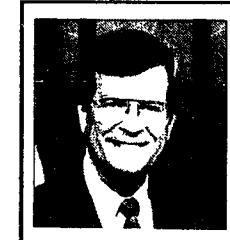
responsible for getting the others home safely, and that they will refrain from drinking alcohol.

Don't think a drunk guest "will probably be okay" driving home. That is irresponsible. Have your guest stay over or arrange some kind of transportation. Your action may not only save your guest's life, but the lives of innocent neighbors.

Bring out the hot chocolate and coffee in the middle of your party and offer desserts. No one can resist holiday foods!

If you are interested in more information on MADD's holiday programs, contact your local MADD chapter of the MADD State office at 601-981-5660. Please ask for their help before — and not after — the fact.

Sincerely,
Dorothy W. Fuller
MADD MS State Chair
Jackson



FROM THE SENATE

By Senator
Trent Lott

103rd Congress wraps up first session

After getting off to a pretty outrageous start, the Senate's first session of the 103rd Congress ended last week on a more productive note for the American people.

The year began with President Clinton proposing a national sales tax, taxes on Social Security benefits and energy uses, and lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military, but the Congress eventually managed to pass some constructive legislation.

The highpoint was the Senate's adoption of perhaps the toughest crime bill ever passed by a Congress. It would clamp down on crime by hiring thousands of additional police officers, building new prisons, expanding the number of crimes subject to the death penalty, instituting life sentences without parole for violent repeat felons, and providing additional protections from crime for older Americans.

We also endorsed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which by the year 2008 will eliminate all tariffs on roughly 9,000 categories of goods produced and sold in North America. I have become convinced that Mississippi stands to benefit from this agreement, particularly in the increased exports of our agriculture commodities, including catfish and timber products, furniture and electronics products.

The Senate also made a promising start on a broad package of reforms to make

Congress work more efficiently. These include establishment of a two-year budget process, a change particularly welcomed by our colleges and universities for their longer-range planning. Reforms also would cut by half the number of Senate subcommittees and make major reductions in staff.

No wrap-up of the Senate's first session would be complete without touching on those things we failed to take action on and those bills we passed but should not have. Health care is an issue we could have addressed this year if this Administration's goals were improvements in access to the current health system rather than the creation of a costly and bureaucratic new federal entitlement.

There are components of health care reform that the majority in Congress can agree on right now — malpractice reform, deductibility of insurance costs for self-employed persons like farmers, portability of insurance coverage when an individual changes employment, accessibility of adequate health care for rural communities, and the elimination of the pre-existing condition restriction governing insurance eligibility.

A health care reform bill fashioned along these proposals would build on the quality system we have and go a long way toward making adequate health care more accessible and

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Gaming Commission director to address T & G meeting

Paul Harvey, executive director, Mississippi Gaming Commission, will be the featured speaker at the Hancock County Tourism & Gaming Association's (T&G) next monthly meeting, 8 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Waveland Resort Inn.

Harvey, a retired USAF Major General, served in the United States Air Force on active duty for 32 years. Earning his wings in the Air Force in 1961, he served his country as a combat pilot in the Republic of Vietnam where he flew more than 160 combat missions.

He later held a number of command and staff positions throughout the world, including Commander of Strategic and Tactical Airlift Forces

throughout Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

In 1988, Harvey took command of Keesler Technical Training Center on the Mississippi Gulf Coast where he served until his retirement.

Harvey's remarks will include an update on the status of pending gaming licenses within Hancock County, other areas of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and throughout the state. There will be a question and answer session following his presentation.

In addition to T&G members, the meeting will be open to the public. Anyone interested in learning more about the status of the gaming industry in Mississippi is encouraged to attend.

Slight increase in unemployment figures

According to the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, Hancock County unemployment figures experienced a slight increase in October after a steady decline in recent months.

The MESC reported unemployment rates for Oct. are 4.1 percent for Hancock County (4 percent in September), 5.0 for the State of Mississippi (5.3 in September) and 6.3 for the United States (6.4 in September).

Hancock is currently ranks nineteenth in the state for its low unemployment rate.

Neighboring counties rates from September to October included: from 3.8 to 4.0 for Harrison County, from 5.5 to 5.1 percent for Jackson County, from 6.6 to 5.9 for Pearl River County, and from 8.8 to 7.3. for Stone County.

J. L. Scott Marine Center Aquarium plans open house

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory will host a holiday open house at the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium in Biloxi on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission will be free for the day's festivities, according to Dr. Sharon H. Walker, MEC&A administrator. Refreshments will be served and a variety of activities and entertainment is planned.

Guests will be greeted by a 10-foot blue spruce decorated

with sand dollars, starfish, scallops and a variety of seashells. The lobby also features a special advent calendar with sequined marine creatures to help visitors to count the days remaining until Christmas.

The center's gift shop will offer Christmas ornaments and gift items with a marine motif, including shirts, jewelry, posters, books, decorative items and stocking stuffers.

For more information, call 374-5550.



Mary Woodson and Carole Ripley display donations

Tis' the season

Local restaurant helps needy families;
Family Child Center seeks volunteers

BY AMY PICKICH

Carole's Old Towne Restaurant on Main Street in Bay St. Louis is hoping to put a smile on the faces of a few needy families in the community this Christmas.

Owner Carole Ripley and manager Mary Woodson said they adopted one family through the South Mississippi Family Child Center and began taking donations at the restaurant on Friday.

The response from customers was so overwhelming that they have decided to adopt two or three more families depending on the amount of goods they receive.

Woodson said the restaurant will also furnish a Christmas dinner for every needy family they are able to adopt.

They are collecting everything for the family, such as toys, clothes, food, medicine and money. A table is set up at the restaurant, and the donations are adding up.

"The more stuff we get, the more families we can adopt," Woodson said.

"The response has been absolutely wonder-

ful. This time of year there are so many needy families...it just brings a tear to our eyes."

Angela Brogden, Family Child Center case manager, said every year the center tries to get as many businesses, organizations or families to adopt and sponsor a Coast family at Christmas time.

Brogden said the number of needy family cases at the center has gone down this year, but some have yet to be adopted this year.

Since Christmas is only a year, Brogden said any left over donations, like gifts, paper products or money, are saved to distribute throughout the year.

"We desperately need volunteers from Hancock County for our Parent Aid program throughout the year," Brogden said.

Through this program, volunteers give moral and financial support to families suffering from neglect or some other type of abuse.

For more information on the 'Adopt A Family' program or other programs at the Family Child Center, call 868-8686.

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more affordable for more Americans.

While fiscal conservatives in the Senate were able to beat back President Clinton's ill-conceived economic stimulus plan to spend almost \$20 billion on things like alpine ski slides and ice skating warming huts, we were unable to defeat his \$295 billion raid on taxpayers' pocketbooks. With the tax bill's passage, for the first time in history, a tax rate increase was made retroactive, along with estate taxes on people who have died.

The President never sent to the Congress a package of real budget cuts, and efforts by the House to originate one there were quashed by the President and members of Congress seemingly interested in preserving the tax and spend status quo.

That's a disappointment. Real budget cuts should top Congress' agenda when we reconvene in January.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Please write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attention: Press Office).

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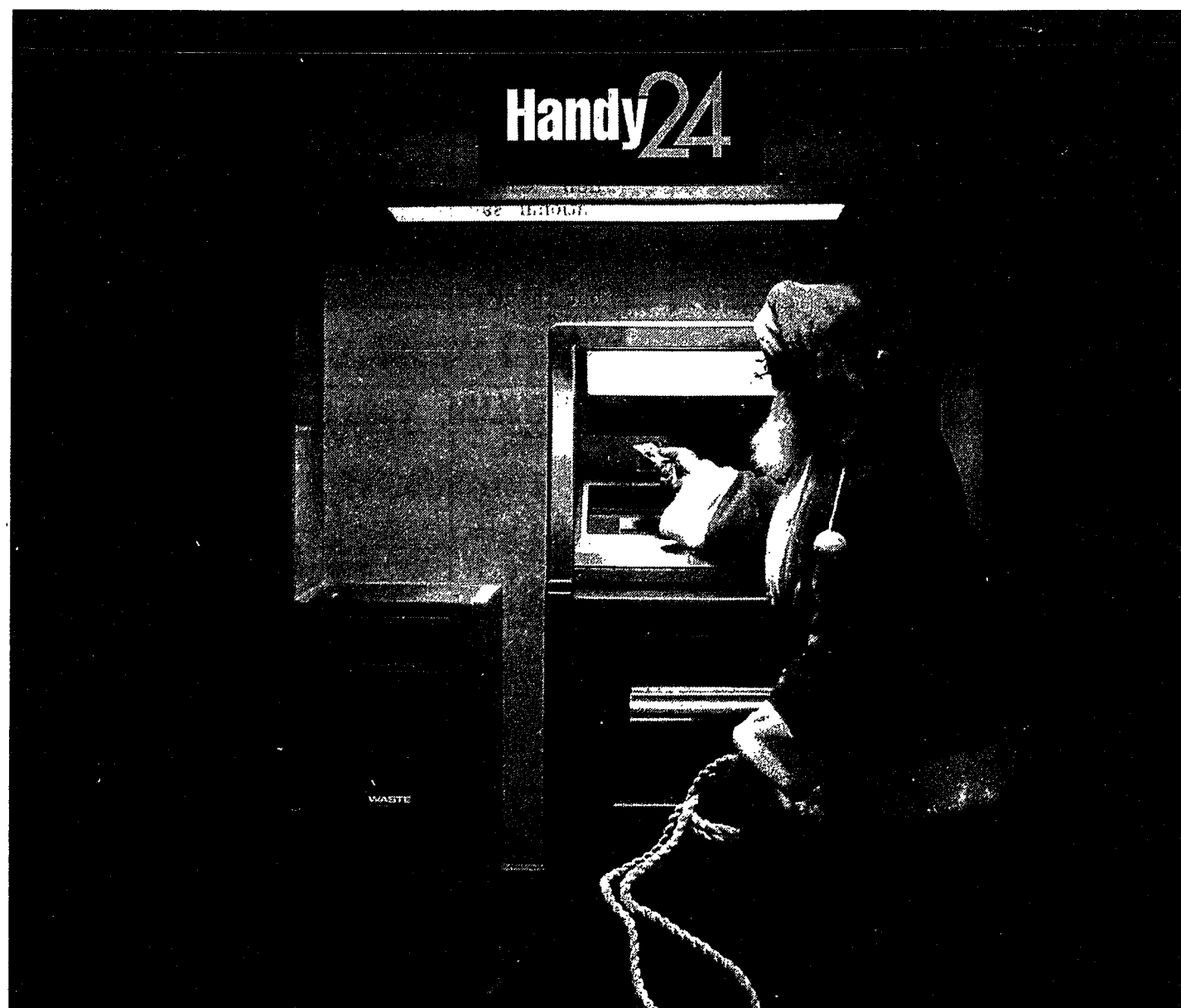
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CONSUMER UPDATE

Holiday spending in perspective

By Janet K. Lukens
Area Consumer Money Management Specialist

What has led us to the current holiday spending frenzy? An examination to today's Christmas customs reveals some thought-provoking realities on why we do what we do. The purpose of this column is not to relate religious history but to provide financial information.

However, Christmas spending is better understood and perhaps easier to control when we look at its origins.

The modern customs of Christmas have more similarity to pagan celebrations than to early Christian traditions. Christmas was not celebrated until A.D. 336. Jesus nor the early Christian disciples celebrated birthdays.

Christmas celebrations throughout the modern world more closely reflect the Roman

fest of the solstice. As Christianity spread in Rome, Christian leaders replaced the Sol Invictus (feast of the Sun God) with Christmas celebrations held on the same day, December 25.

The celebration kept virtually all of the major traditions of the Sol Invictus. Those traditions included preparing special foods, decorating homes with lights and greenery, singing and gift-giving.

Until the mid-19th century, both in England and New England, early protestants fought against the celebration of Christmas because of its non-religious customs. However, Christmas survived and in the 1800's grew to incorporate the decorating of Christmas trees and sending Christmas cards.

Buying and decorating Christmas trees probably evolved from northern Europe

where pagan tribal groups worshipped trees prior to their conversion to Christianity.

Other evergreen decorations originate in ancient customs of the Egyptians, Chinese and Hebrews. Christmas cards were first seen in 1943 and mushroomed in popularity during the industrial revolution.

The industrial revolution, in fact, was the motivating force behind the Christmas spending we know today. As production of toys, gadgets and trinkets became cheaper, gift-giving became a predominant focus of Christmas.

During the 1900's, businesses have grown to depend on Christmas. Of the \$17 billion in toys sold last year, \$12 billion were sold during Christmas season. Christmas decorations are being manufactured throughout the year. Without Christmas, many businesses would not survive.

During the 1980's Americans

further embellished the Christmas traditions with the use of credit. Late January through March is the busiest season for credit counseling. Christmas bills are spread over not one but two and three years after the holiday is past.

But what has this yearly spending orgy done to consumers? Bankruptcies in America hover at the one million per year mark. Individuals regularly report to me feelings of guilt and depression because they cannot afford an acceptable Christmas.

One seminar participant admitted spending more on wealthy nieces and nephews than her own children to avoid embarrassment.

We are all influenced by traditions and the pressures of advertising. Gaining awareness and exercising free choice keeps these influences in perspective rather than allowing them to control our dollars.

MILITARY MENTIONS



SEAMAN BERRMOND
Navy Seaman Recruit Rene R. Berrmond IV, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Berrmond III of Bay St. Louis, completed basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif.

Berrmond is the grandson of

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Berrmond II of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prosser of Gulfport. He is a 1993 graduate of Bay High School.

He was taught general military subjects which are designed to prepare recruits for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

Berrmond will continue his training in Japan aboard the LHA 3 ship Belleauwood.

PFC CUEVAS
Marine Pfc. Kirk D. Cuevas, son of Nathan E. and Eva G. Cuevas of Pass Christian, recently reported for duty with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The 1990 graduate of Pass Christian High School joined the Marine Corps in May, 1992.

Bilbo named Sunburst officer

Arvid Loper, president of Sunburst Bank, Bay St. Louis, announces Pam Bilbo has been



Pam Bilbo

promoted to operations officer. Bilbo is a native of Bay St. Louis and a graduate of Bay High School.

Mrs. Bilbo and her husband, Ferdinand, have one child, Jessica, 9, and attend St. Clare Catholic Church.

Hancock introduces 'Maestro' banking

Hancock Bank of Mississippi announced plans to join Maestro, an international point of sale system that allows customers to make retail purchases using their ATM cards.

Hancock's addition of Maestro is part of a major ATM conversion process that began with the recent installation of new, more efficient machines at over 50 locations across the Coast and includes a change in name and signage from HandyBank to Handy24.

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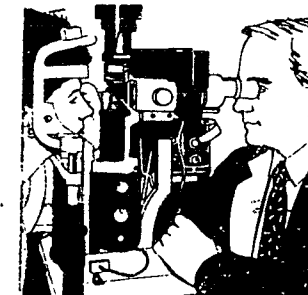
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In-state long distance calls will need area code

Mississippi telephone companies join their neighbors in Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana this month by requesting customers to use the area code for in-state long-distance calls as well as those that go out of state.

"Beginning May 1, long-distance calls dialed in Mississippi without an area code will not go through," said South Central Bell district manager Rick Stewart.

"The pool of available telephone numbers in the United States is all but depleted," he said.

"South Central Bell is cooperating with other telephone companies across the country to introduce a new dialing plan that will make more telephone numbers available for our continuing growth. Within the next two years, the 'Area Code Plus' method will be common throughout the nation."

Stewart said that the period between December 1, 1993, and May 1, 1994, is an "optional



dialing" period, during which in-state long-distance calls dialed with or without area code will go through.

During this time, South Central Bell is using advertising and a variety of other means to educate its Mississippi customers about the change.

"If you have automatic dialing or other telephone equipment which uses prepro-

grammed telephone numbers, this is the time to make sure that the equipment is programmed to dial the appropriate area code for all long-distance calls," said Stewart.

"And it's also a good time to program yourself to adopt the 'Area Code Plus' habit. Just add it to your list of resolutions for the New Year," he said.

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Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, and open meeting is being held on:

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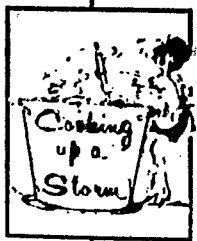
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COOKING UP A STORM

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A favorite soup of mine, from a quite simple old family recipe which, I've been told again and again, crossed the waters along with my ancestors when they departed the "Ould Sod" for the New World, is made with that special ingredient of Irish cuisine, the Irish Potato.

Here's:

IRISH POTATO SOUP

2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
2 medium onions, thinly sliced

3 large potatoes, peeled and sliced or chunked
5 cups milk
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 bay leaf
1 bunch parsley, tied together

1/2 cup half-and-half (or evaporated milk)

Pinch of thyme
Chopped chives or green onion tops for garnish

Melt the butter or margarine in a heavy saucepan, add the onions and potatoes, stirring them around in the butter and softening them over low heat for several minutes; but don't let them brown, whatever you do. It will spoil the bland flavor which you want for this potato soup.

Add the other ingredients, except for the half-and-half or evaporated milk as well as the chives and green onion tops, which, of course, you'll add at the last minute.

Simmer for a half hour or more as needed until the potatoes are soft. Discard the thyme, bay leaf and parsley, and strain the soup through a sieve or

Potato soup — two versions to warm the chill of winter

blend (in your blender) or mash well, well. (That's what I like to do, with my ancient wooden "potato masher" which was old when I was a young bride cook all those years ago!) For some things, the old ways work best!

Back to the soup: After you've de-lumped the potatoes, reheat in another saucepan, and toss a little of the half-and-half or evaporated milk and the chopped chives or green onions into soup bowls and ladle the soup over. (Or trot out great-grandmother's handsome soup tureen, silver or china and pour in the soup, scattering the chives over.

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1 tsp. salt (optional)
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Relish

1 clove minced garlic
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Brown the bacon, mix all ingredients together, and simmer for approximately an hour. Serve in soup bowls over grated cheese. I like a lot, quite a lot of cheese, and it all jumbles together so well!

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Winn-Dixie honors 'Good Citizens'

Winn-Dixie will honor 33 organizations, located throughout Louisiana and Mississippi at its 10th annual Good Citizenship Awards.

Louisiana Retailers Association President Nick Perez will be guest speaker at a Dec. 8 luncheon at Commander's Palace restaurant in New Orleans. Winn-Dixie will also honor one of its won associates, Norman Ross, with a special Associate Good Citizen of the Year Award. Area award winners will receive contributions totaling \$85,000.

It's our privilege to give back to the organizations and individuals who give so much to the community every day," said Roy Brocato, Sr., president, Winn-Dixie Louisiana.

"Their commitment to service is an inspiration to us all.

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Helping needy

St. Stanislaus seniors Kenny Monti, left, and Leo Seal helped deliver 35 Thanksgiving food baskets. The Student Council, directed by teacher Bill Jennings, organized the annual drive in which each homeroom adopted a family to provide Thanksgiving dinner.

AARP needs tax preparation volunteers

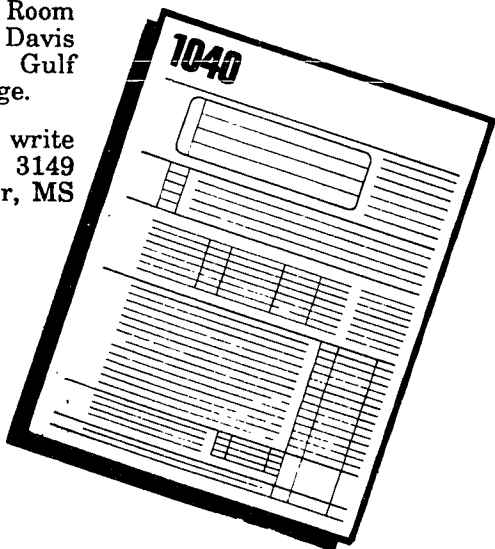
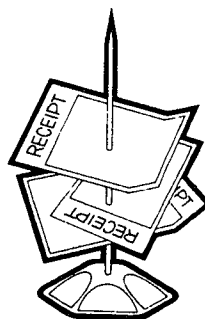
The American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) is accepting applications from volunteers interested in helping the elderly with their tax returns in 1994. The AARP Tax-Aide program is co-sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service.

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Volunteers of all ages perform this important service. AARP membership is not required. A training course for

all volunteers will be conducted Jan. 17 through 21 in Room G-121 at the Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

For more information write or call George Martin, 3149 Sound View Dr., Gautier, MS 39533, phone 497-5364.



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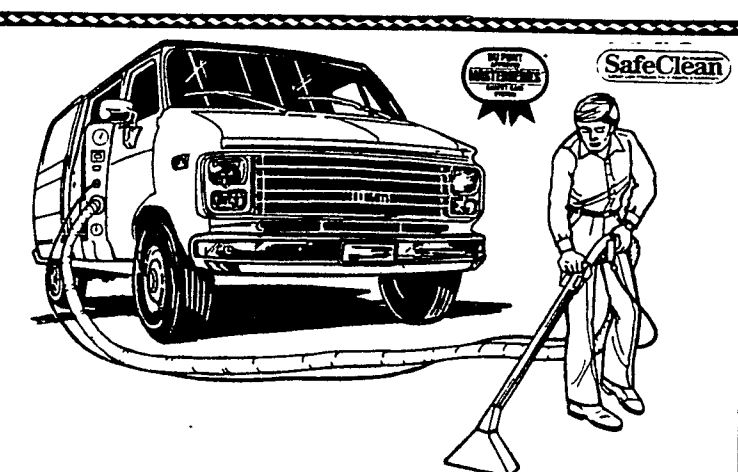
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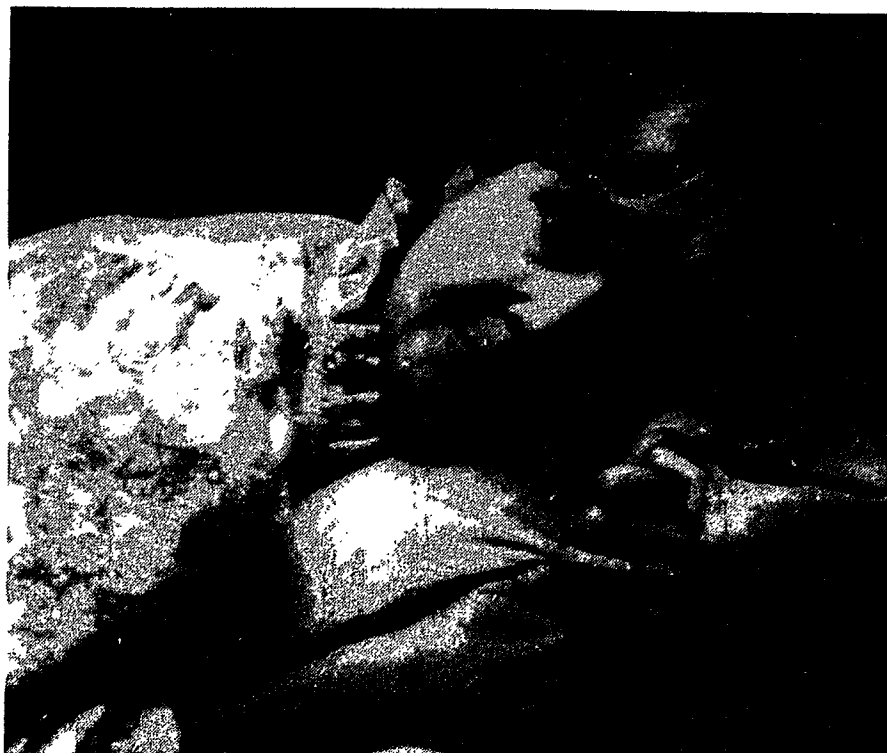


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The modern customs of Christmas have more similarity to pagan celebrations than to early Christian traditions.

Christmas was not celebrated until A.D. 336. Jesus nor the early Christian disciples celebrated birthdays.

Christmas celebrations throughout the modern world more closely reflect the Roman

fest of the solstice. As Christianity spread in Rome, Christian leaders replaced the Sol Invictus (feast of the Sun God) with Christmas celebrations held on the same day, December 25.

The celebration kept virtually all of the major traditions of the Sol Invictus. Those traditions included preparing special foods, decorating homes with lights and greenery, singing and gift-giving.

Until the mid-19th century, both in England and New England, early protestants fought against the celebration of Christmas because of its non-religious customs. However, Christmas survived and in the

1800's grew to incorporate the decorating of Christmas trees and sending Christmas cards.

Buying and decorating Christmas trees probably evolved from northern Europe

where pagan tribal groups worshipped trees prior to their conversion to Christianity.

Other evergreen decorations originate in ancient customs of the Egyptians, Chinese and Hebrews. Christmas cards were first seen in 1943 and mushroomed in popularity during the industrial revolution.

The industrial revolution, in fact, was the motivating force behind the Christmas spending we know today. As production of toys, gadgets and trinkets became cheaper, gift-giving became a predominant focus of Christmas.

During the 1900's, businesses have grown to depend on Christmas. Of the \$17 billion in toys sold last year, \$12 billion were sold during Christmas season. Christmas decorations are being manufactured throughout the year. Without Christmas, many businesses would not survive.

During the 1980's Americans

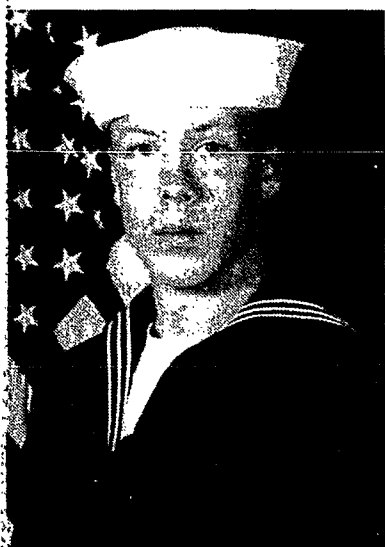
further embellished the Christmas traditions with the use of credit. Late January through March is the busiest season for credit counseling. Christmas bills are spread over not one but two and three years after the holiday is past.

But what has this yearly spending orgy done to consumers? Bankruptcies in America hover at the one million per year mark. Individuals regularly report to me feelings of guilt and depression because they cannot afford an acceptable Christmas.

One seminar participant admitted spending more on wealthy nieces and nephews than her own children to avoid embarrassment.

We are all influenced by traditions and the pressures of advertising. Gaining awareness and exercising free choice keeps these influences in perspective rather than allowing them to control our dollars.

MILITARY MENTIONS



SEAMAN BERMOND

Navy Seaman Recruit Rene R. Bermond IV, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Bermond III of Bay St. Louis, completed basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif.

Bermond is the grandson of

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Bermond II of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prosser of Gulfport. He is a 1993 graduate of Bay High School.

He was taught general military subjects which are designed to prepare recruits for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

Bermond will continue his training in Japan aboard the LHA 3 ship Belleauwood.

PFC CUEVAS

Marine Pfc. Kirk D. Cuevas, son of Nathan E. and Eva G. Cuevas of Pass Christian, recently reported for duty with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The 1990 graduate of Pass Christian High School joined the Marine Corps in May, 1992.

Bilbo named Sunburst officer

Arvid Loper, president of Sunburst Bank, Bay St. Louis, announces Pam Bilbo has been



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promoted to operations off. Bilbo is a native of Bay St. L and a graduate of Bay School.

Mrs. Bilbo and her band, Ferdinand, have child, Jessica, 9, and attend Clare Catholic Church.

Hancock introduces 'Maestro' banking

Hancock Bank of Mississippi announced plans to join Maestro, an international point of sale system that allows customers to make retail purchases using their ATM cards.

Hancock's addition of Maestro is part of a major ATM conversion process that began with the recent installation of new, more efficient machines at over 50 locations across the Coast and includes a change in name and signage from HandyBank to Handy24.

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In-state long distance calls will need area code

Mississippi telephone companies join their neighbors in Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana this month by requesting customers to use the area code for in-state long-distance calls as well as those that go out of state.

"Beginning May 1, long-distance calls dialed in Mississippi without an area code will not go through," said South Central Bell district manager Rick Stewart.

"The pool of available telephone numbers in the United States is all but depleted," he said.

"South Central Bell is cooperating with other telephone companies across the country to introduce a new dialing plan that will make more telephone numbers available for our continuing growth. Within the next two years, the 'Area Code Plus' method will be common throughout the nation."

Stewart said that the period between December 1, 1993, and May 1, 1994, is an "optional



dialing" period, during which in-state long-distance calls dialed with or without area code will go through.

During this time, South Central Bell is using advertising and a variety of other means to educate its Mississippi customers about the change.

"If you have automatic dialing or other telephone equipment which uses prepro-

grammed telephone numbers, this is the time to make sure that the equipment is programmed to dial the appropriate area code for all long-distance calls," said Stewart.

"And it's also a good time to program yourself to adopt the 'Area Code Plus' habit. Just add it to your list of resolutions for the New Year," he said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, and open meeting is being held on:

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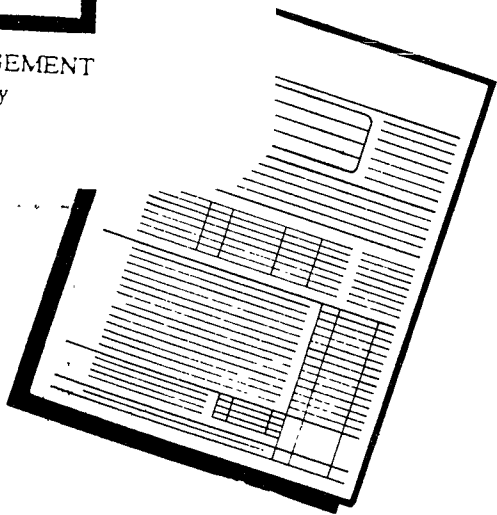
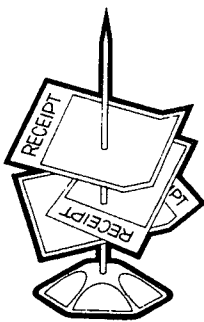
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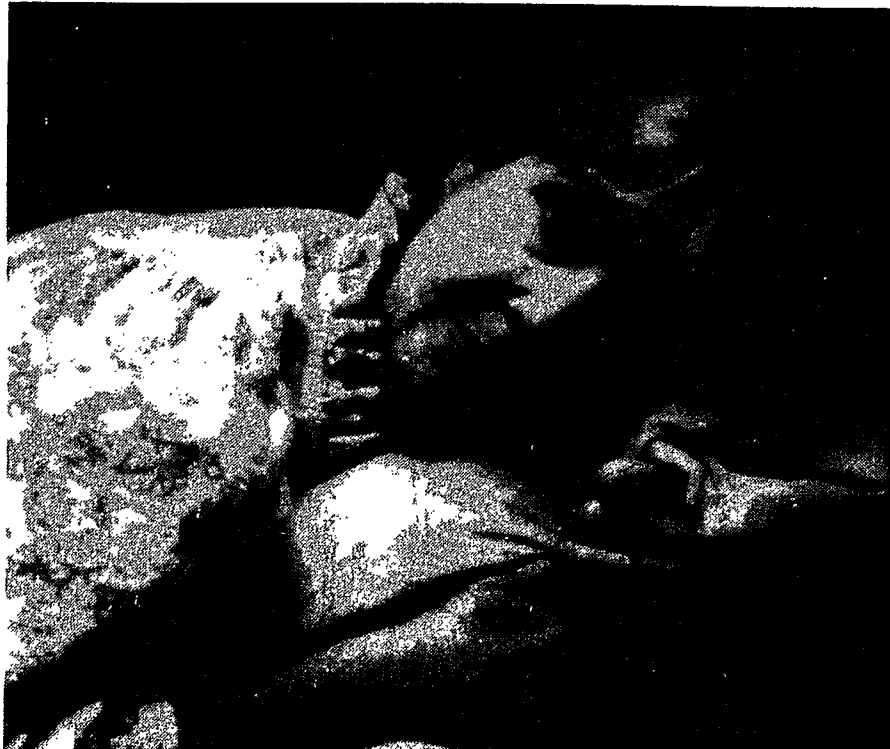
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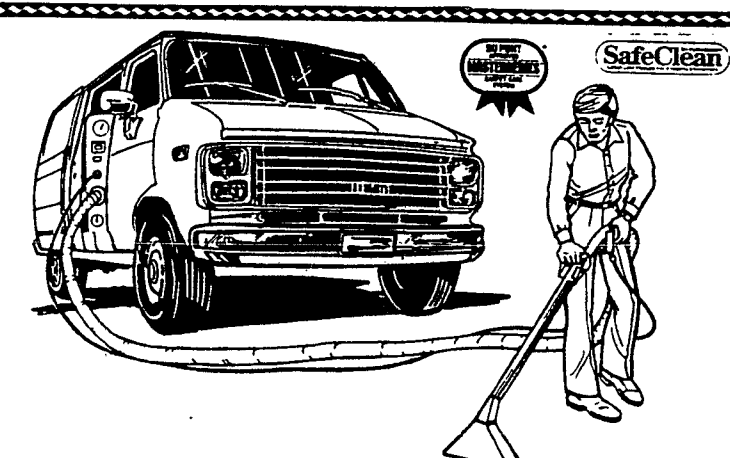
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Christmas was not celebrated until A.D. 336. Jesus nor the early Christian disciples celebrated birthdays.

Christmas celebrations throughout the modern world more closely reflect the Roman

fest of the solstice. As Christianity spread in Rome, Christian leaders replaced the Sol Invictus (feast of the Sun God) with Christmas celebrations held on the same day, December 25.

The celebration kept virtually all of the major traditions of the Sol Invictus. Those traditions included preparing special foods, decorating homes with lights and greenery, singing and gift-giving.

Until the mid-19th century, both in England and New England, early protestants fought against the celebration of Christmas because of its non-religious customs. However, Christmas survived and in the

1800's grew to incorporate the decorating of Christmas trees and sending Christmas cards.

Buying and decorating Christmas trees probably evolved from northern Europe

where pagan tribal groups worshipped trees prior to their conversion to Christianity.

Other evergreen decorations originate in ancient customs of the Egyptians, Chinese and Hebrews. Christmas cards were first seen in 1943 and mushroomed in popularity during the industrial revolution.

The industrial revolution, in fact, was the motivating force behind the Christmas spending we know today. As production of toys, gadgets and trinkets became cheaper, gift-giving became a predominant focus of Christmas.

During the 1900's, businesses have grown to depend on Christmas. Of the \$17 billion in toys sold last year, \$12 billion were sold during Christmas season. Christmas decorations are being manufactured throughout the year. Without Christmas, many businesses would not survive.

During the 1980's Americans

further embellished the Christmas traditions with the use of credit. Late January through March is the busiest season for credit counseling. Christmas bills are spread over not one but two and three years after the holiday is past.

But what has this yearly spending orgy done to consumers? Bankruptcies in America hover at the one million per year mark. Individuals regularly report to me feelings of guilt and depression because they cannot afford an acceptable Christmas.

One seminar participant admitted spending more on wealthy nieces and nephews than her own children to avoid embarrassment.

We are all influenced by traditions and the pressures of advertising. Gaining awareness and exercising free choice keeps these influences in perspective rather than allowing them to control our dollars.

MILITARY MENTIONS



SEAMAN BERRMOND
Navy Seaman Recruit Rene R. Berrmond IV, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Berrmond III of Bay St. Louis, completed basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif.

Berrmond is the grandson of

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Berrmond II of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prosser of Gulfport. He is a 1993 graduate of Bay High School.

He was taught general military subjects which are designed to prepare recruits for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

Berrmond will continue his training in Japan aboard the LHA 3 ship Belleauwood.

PFC CUEVAS
Marine Pfc. Kirk D. Cuevas, son of Nathan E. and Eva G. Cuevas of Pass Christian, recently reported for duty with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The 1990 graduate of Pass Christian High School joined the Marine Corps in May, 1992.

Bilbo named Sunburst officer

Arvid Loper, president of Sunburst Bank, Bay St. Louis, announces Pam Bilbo has been



Pam Bilbo

promoted to operations officer. Bilbo is a native of Bay St. Louis and a graduate of Bay High School.

Mrs. Bilbo and her husband, Ferdinand, have one child, Jessica, 9, and attend St. Clare Catholic Church.

Hancock introduces 'Maestro' banking

Hancock Bank of Mississippi announced plans to join Maestro, an international point of sale system that allows customers to make retail purchases using their ATM cards.

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In-state long distance calls will need area code

Mississippi telephone companies join their neighbors in Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana this month by requesting customers to use the area code for in-state long-distance calls as well as those that go out of state.

"Beginning May 1, long-distance calls dialed in Mississippi without an area code will not go through," said South Central Bell district manager Rick Stewart.

"The pool of available telephone numbers in the United States is all but depleted," he said.

"South Central Bell is cooperating with other telephone companies across the country to introduce a new dialing plan that will make more telephone numbers available for our continuing growth. Within the next two years, the 'Area Code Plus' method will be common throughout the nation."

Stewart said that the period between December 1, 1993, and May 1, 1994, is an "optional



dialing" period, during which in-state long-distance calls dialed with or without area code will go through.

During this time, South Central Bell is using advertising and a variety of other means to educate its Mississippi customers about the change.

"If you have automatic dialing or other telephone equipment which uses prepro-

grammed telephone numbers, this is the time to make sure that the equipment is programmed to dial the appropriate area code for all long-distance calls," said Stewart.

"And it's also a good time to program yourself to adopt the 'Area code Plus' habit. Just add it to your list of resolutions for the New Year," he said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, and open meeting is being held on:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1993 at 7:00 P.M.

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The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss:

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COOKING UP A STORM

By Katy McGuire
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It's soup time at my house this overcast wintry day, and I can scarcely wait until the bowl of steaming, tasty soup is ready. And I'll probably have another bowl after that first one!

Hearty and filling soups are as much a part of the Irish culture as that good old Irish Whiskey. Some of the best of the Irish soups, as is the case in most other countries, aren't made according to exact recipes at all, but are often the result of the cook's artful combining of odds and ends from the larder with whatever seasonings are on hand.

A favorite soup of mine, from a quite simple old family recipe which, I've been told again and again, crossed the waters along with my ancestors when they departed the "Ould Sod" for the New World, is made with that special ingredient of Irish cuisine, the Irish Potato.

Here's:

IRISH POTATO SOUP

2 Tblsp. butter or margarine
2 medium onions, thinly sliced

3 large potatoes, peeled and sliced or chunked
5 cups milk
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 bay leaf
1 bunch parsley, tied together
1/2 cup half-and-half (or evaporated milk)
Pinch of thyme
Chopped chives or green onion tops for garnish

Melt the butter or margarine in a heavy saucepan, add the onions and potatoes, stirring them around in the butter and softening them over low heat for several minutes; but don't let them brown, whatever you do. It will spoil the bland flavor which you want for this potato soup.

Add the other ingredients, except for the half-and-half or evaporated milk as well as the chives and green onion tops, which, of course, you'll add at the last minute.

Simmer for a half hour or more as needed until the potatoes are soft. Discard the thyme, bay leaf and parsley, and strain the soup through a sieve or

Potato soup — two versions to warm the chill of winter

blend (in your blender) or mash well, well. (That's what I like to do, with my ancient wooden "potato masher" which was old when I was a young bride cook all those years ago!) For some things, the old ways work best!

Back to the soup: After you've de-lumped the potatoes, reheat in another saucepan, and toss a little of the half-and-half or evaporated milk and the chopped chives or green onions into soup bowls and ladle the soup over. (Or trot out great-grandmother's handsome soup tureen, silver or china and pour in the soup, scattering the chives over.

P.S. I had, of course, to alter the original recipe, as the old, old family formula calls for "a cup of good cream, fresh from the cow" on the old homestead, and I've not one cow or calf about the grounds!

With modern times — and convenience foods — have some shortcuts to potato soup, as well as to many other dishes. One which I like very much is my

daughter-in-law Sue McGuire's Mexican Potato Soup, quite a zesty treat. Here's:

MEXICAN POTATO SOUP

3 strips bacon, cut fine
1 pkg. frozen hash brown potatoes (or diced, cooked potatoes)
5 cups water
1 (8-oz.) can tomato sauce, Spanish style
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 tsp. salt (optional)
1 can (7 1/2 oz.) Hot Jalapeno Relish

1 clove minced garlic
Grated Cheddar cheese
Brown the bacon, mix all ingredients together, and simmer for approximately an hour. Serve in soup bowls over grated cheese. I like a lot, quite a lot of cheese, and it all jumbles together so well!

You may "gild the lily" a bit more, and add sausage slices or ham cubes or such, but it's so zesty and spicy already, why not save the sausage and ham for another meal?

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Winn-Dixie honors 'Good Citizens'

Winn-Dixie will honor 33 organizations, located throughout Louisiana and Mississippi at its 10th annual Good Citizenship Awards.

Louisiana Retailers Association President Nick Perez will be guest speaker at a Dec. 8 luncheon at Commander's Palace restaurant in New Orleans. Winn-Dixie will also honor one of its won associates, Norman Ross, with a special Associate Good Citizen of the Year Award. Area award winners will receive contributions totaling \$85,000.

It's our privilege to give back to the organizations and individuals who give so much to the community every day," said Roy Brocato, Sr., president, Winn-Dixie Louisiana.

"Their commitment to service is an inspiration to us all.

Because of their dedication, people in our communities have the role models and the resources to become 'Good Citizens.'

The Davis family, Winn-Dixie's founders, established the Good Citizenship Awards 10 years ago in an effort to recognize the often unheralded efforts of those who give so much to our young people and to the community at large.

Among honorees are St. Michael's Farm for Boys, Picayune, and St. Stanislaus High School, Bay St. Louis.



Helping needy

St. Stanislaus seniors Kenny Monti, left, and Leo Seal helped deliver 35 Thanksgiving food baskets. The Student Council, directed by teacher Bill Jennings, organized the annual drive in which each homeroom adopted a family to provide Thanksgiving dinner.

AARP needs tax preparation volunteers

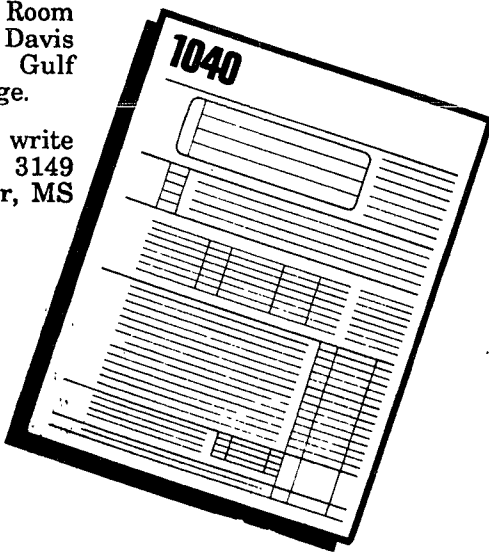
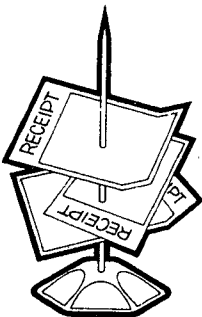
The American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) is accepting applications from volunteers interested in helping the elderly with their tax returns in 1994. The AARP Tax-Aide program is co-sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service.

Each year thousands of tax counselors are trained, who later spend approximately four hours per week from Feb. 1 to April 15 providing free income tax preparation assistance to older persons in the community at sites in libraries, churches and senior centers.

Volunteers of all ages perform this important service. AARP membership is not required. A training course for

all volunteers will be conducted Jan. 17 through 21 in Room G-121 at the Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

For more information write or call George Martin, 3149 Sound View Dr., Gautier, MS 39533, phone 497-5364.



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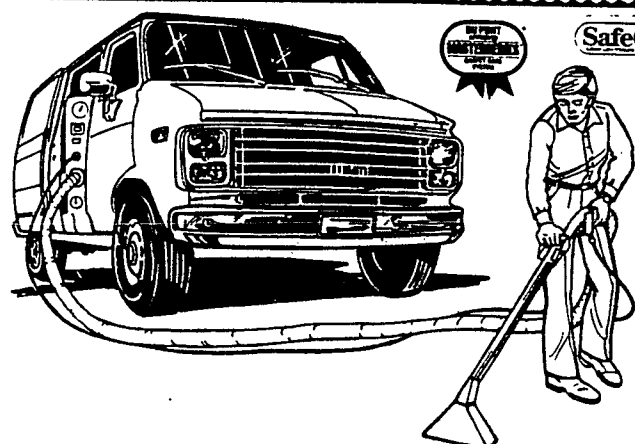


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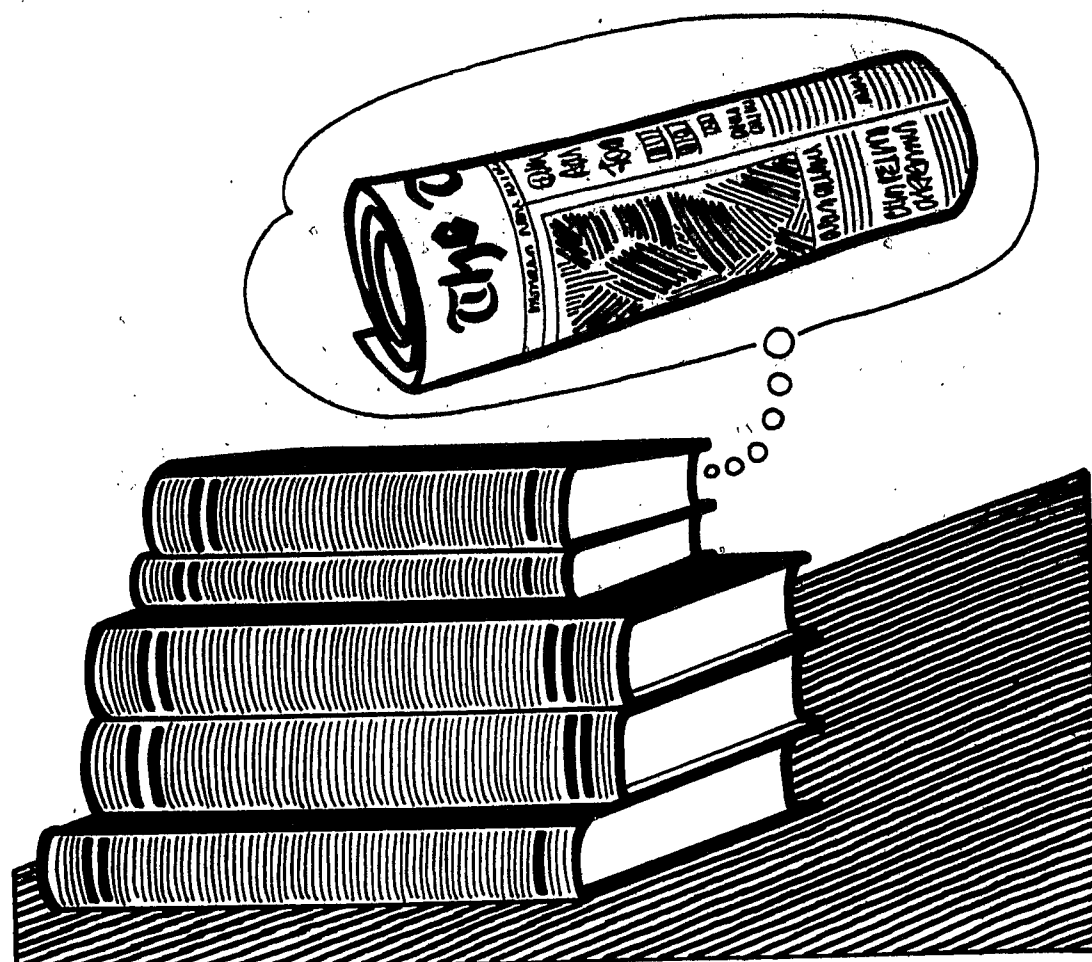


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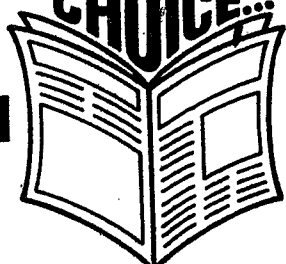
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Christmas tea

Coast Episcopal PTO will sponsor an "An Old-Fashioned Christmas Tea" Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. to benefit Coast Episcopal schools. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boelte, 600 West Beach in Pass Christian, will be decorated by professionals and volunteer mothers for the fund-raising event. The public is invited, and donations are appreciated. Local vendors will also be selling Christmas gifts. Helping coordinate the event are Hedy Boelte, Kathleen Theriot, Barbara Dauterive and Mary Helen Schaeffer. (Echo staff photo by Amy Pickich)

Coast Jazz Society

The Mississippi Coast Jazz Society will host its annual Christmas party Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. on the top floor in the Crystal Room of the Royal d'Iberville hotel, 1980 Beach Blvd. on US-90 in Biloxi. The party is open to the public, and Santa is expected with door prize gifts.

The hotel provides a cash bar and spacious dance floor as well as ample seating. Eight Dixieland bands are slated to perform. Members of the Mississippi State Guard have been invited to join this evening of fun and frivolity.

Additional information is available from president Owen McPeck at 388-7723.

The bands scheduled to perform are: 7, Seniors Too; 7:30, Traditions; 8, Biloxi Jazz; 8:30, Jazz Etc.; 9, Mississippi Sound; 9:30, Reflections; 10, Back Bay Jazz; 10:30, Zocchi's Moonlighters and 11, open jam session.



Exchange Club

Janice Parrot, Public Service coordinator for the Hancock County Library System, spoke on literacy and the library at the Dec. 2 meeting of the Hancock County Exchange Club.

Parrot encouraged everyone to obtain a library card and use it, as the library staff is ready to assist any needs of the community.

Currently the library is planning the construction of its new building as well as new programs to serve Hancock County.

The Exchange Club is urging the public to eat at Montana's Restaurant Monday night, Dec. 6. All proceeds will go to benefit the South Mississippi Family Child Center for the prevention of child abuse.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. Be sure to specify that you are there on behalf of the Exchange Club.

The Exchange Club meets at noon every Thursday at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club. New members are encouraged to attend.

Hancock Women's Club

The Hancock Women's Club will hold its Christmas luncheon and meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Galley in the Waveland Resort Inn.

There will be a gift exchange among those members and guests who wish to participate. Members are asked to bring gifts with a minimum value of \$5 with name of donor included.

Attendees are reminded to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the Hancock County Food Pantry. If unable to bring food, a check of cash will be appreciated.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139

The monthly sing-a-long, sponsored by Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 for the residents of Hotel Reed Nursing Center was Thursday, Dec. 2.

Lena Mae Oustalet played the piano, while Roslyn Weathers led the singing of 'oldies but goodies,' psalms, patriotic songs and other favorites.

The dining room was decorated in preparation for the holiday season, and Sandy Breland, director of activity, filled the room with the residents. Refreshments were served by the staff.

20th Star DAR

The Twentieth Star Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met Nov. 13 in the home of Virginia Nunnally. Hostesses were Mrs. Nunnally and Mildred Goyer.

Jenny Thames gave the National Defense report. She informed members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution resolution concerning the decline of cultural and family values in America.

The following members were elected to be delegates to the Mississippi State Daughters of the American Revolution convention to be held in Jackson: Shirley Davenport, Betty Graham, Virginia Nunnally, Jenny Thames, Francis Wilson, Dixie Brock, Laurie Crowson, Eleanor Burge, Hattie Phalen and Patty Turner.

Leon Standifer was guest speaker. Standifer is the author of the book *Not In Vain*, the memoirs of a rifleman in World War II. The next meeting will be Dec. 11 in the home of Mrs. T. M. Hamilton.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Waveland Public Library. Kathleen was the week's best loser with 2 1/4 pounds.

The club welcomed a new member, Merlene. Janet presented a program on 'never quitting.' Catharine was the KOPS best loser. Libby received a charm for losing 30 pounds and a half-way-to-goal charm bracelet.

Nov. 23 Judy was top loser with 6 1/2 pounds. Joan presented the program on hidden fat. Debbie and Catharine tied for KOPS best loser.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5:30-6 p.m. with the meeting immediately following weigh-in.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Debbie at 467-0784 for more information.

Planning council

The Community Services Planning Council will not meet during December. The next regular meeting will be in January.

Susan McDonald from the Medicaid office is the scheduled speaker for January.

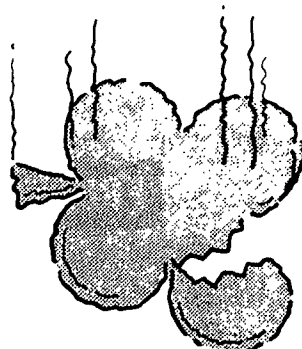
St. Stanislaus Diamond Club

The St. Stanislaus Diamond Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the SSC library.

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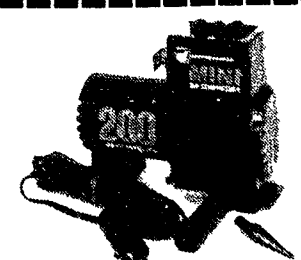
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WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS



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Cruz-LaFontaine

The Lafayette, Oregon Community Center was the setting for the October 23 marriage of Cheryl LaFontaine and Paul Cruz.

The bride is the daughter of Ivan and Brenda Trump of Dayton, Oregon, and Daniel and Synda LaFontaine of Evans, Colorado.

She is the granddaughter of Leroy and Janell Necaise and Daniel LaFontaine, all of Bay St. Louis.

The groom is originally from Guam and is a graduate of John Glenn High School in Norwalk, California.

The couple resides in McMinnville, Oregon.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Connolly

Lamb - Jones

Charlotte M. Jones of Pass Christian and J. Kendall Lamb of Bay St. Louis were united in marriage October 30, 1993, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian.

The Rev. Bronson Bryant officiated the ceremony. Organist Tom Bourdin provided nuptial selections.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Randall Jones of Pass Christian. The groom is the son of Mrs. William R. Lamb and the late Mr. Lamb.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mrs. Randolph Rogers of Pass Christian served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. John Hanson of Pass Christian and Barbara Davis of Medford, Mass. Michael R. Lamb of Memphis Tenn. was best man.

Groomsmen were Lyle Landry of New Orleans and Robert T. Sayle of Bay St. Louis.

Ushers were Peter E. Lamb and Gregory Forstall of Bay St. Louis and Joseph Ward of New Orleans.

Katherine Amelia Lamb of Metairie, daughter of the groom, was flower girl. Chris Jones of Seattle, Wash., nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to Gulf Shores, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Lamb will make their home in Bay St. Louis.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cruz

Connolly-Williamson

The marriage of Wendy Lee Williamson and Michael John Connolly was solemnized Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Church on Napoleon Avenue in New Orleans, La. The Rev. Monsignor Robert Massett presided at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Williamson of Diamondhead. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Connolly of New Providence, N.J.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Monteleon Hotel in New Orleans.

After their honeymoon in New Orleans the couple will reside in New Providence, N.J.

Picayune Christmas Pilgrimage offers tour of homes, businesses

Capture the spirit of Christmas in Picayune Saturday, December 11 as the Civic Women's Club present its annual Christmas Pilgrimage.

This year the tour of homes has expanded to include several additions: the Crosby Arboretum, City Stationery, The Welcome Center-159 S., Grandiflora, Jo's Hallmark, Looking Good Salon & Gifts, Edward's Antiques, Country Stuff Antiques, Piner's Antiques, and the First United Methodist Church.

The Picayune Civic Women's Club is a non-profit organization and all proceeds are for scholarship assistance for seniors at Pearl River Central High School and Picayune Memorial High School.

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The Welcome Center, 159 S., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

City Stationery, 318 N. Main, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 323 N. Hall, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Grandiflora, 118 E. Canal, noon to 7 p.m.

Edward's Antiques, 300 W. Canal, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jo's Hallmark, 317 N. Main, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Looking Good Salon & Gifts, 220 S. Curran, noon to 7 p.m.

Piner's Antiques, 103 Tate Street, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BIRTHS

WILLIAM CLARK BRELAND II

Mr. and Mrs. William Clark Breland of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, William Clark, November 23, 1993 at 6:59 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 9 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Breland is the former Georgia Lynne Kimmel.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kimmel of Bay St. Louis.

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The Crosby Arboretum is a participant in the Picayune Civic Women's Club Christmas Pilgrimage also to be held that day. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

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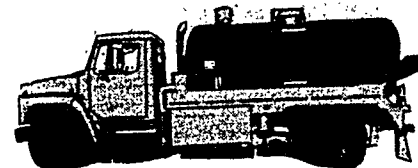
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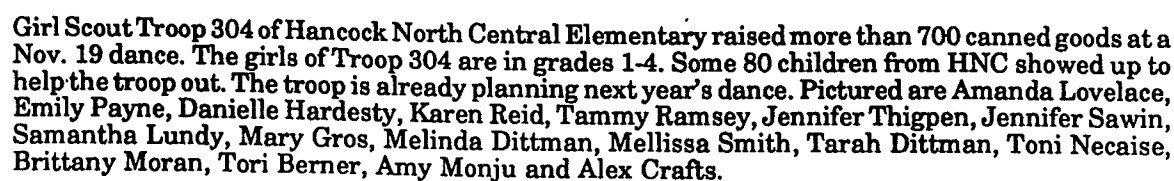
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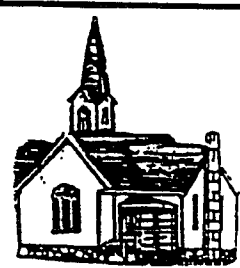


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VINCENT'S DUMP TRUCK SERVICE. Fill dirt, sand, top soil, gravel, trash hauling. 467-9273.

WATER WELL DRILLING: Pumps, tanks. Free estimates. 255-5811. State licensed.

58 Lawn & Garden

A CALL TO CHARLIE'S LAWN & YARD SERVICE: For free estimates. Grass cutting, weed eating, trash hauling, etc. Call anytime. (601) 467-1577 or (601) 467-4266.

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Split Oak Firewood
~ Also Kindling ~
Day/Night 255-3082

58 Lawn & Garden

SUMMER'S GREEN: LAWN CARE FOR everyone! Quality work, reasonable prices. Free Estimates. Call anytime, Larry (601) 467-6558.

63 Business Opportunities

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A LOVING & LEARNING EXPERIENCE for your child. Day & after school care provided in my home. 466-6591.

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CHILD CARE IN MY HOME: LOTS of love. Early childhood development background. 466-2612.

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OPENINGS NOW FOR CHILD CARE. Also make reservations for holidays and New Year's Eve. Plenty of references. 467-9970.

73 Help Wanted

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED for varsity head football coach at St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Mississippi Certification required, or able to obtain, application & resume to search committee by Dec. 31st. Attention: Dr. Michael Ryan, P.O. Box 8001, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521-8001. (601) 467-9057. (601) 466-2972 Fax.

BUY OR SELL AVON. CALL 452-2222.

EASY WORK! EXCELLENT PAY! Assemble products at home. Call toll free 1 800 467-5566 ext. 7175.

73 Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED SERVERS NEEDED. APPLY in person at The Dock Of The Bay, 119 N. Beach Blvd. BSL

L.P. GAS UTILITIES SALESPERSON position available. Appliance sales, customer service, telephone answering & dispatching. Excellent benefit package. Call John Rosetti at Blossman Gas 467-6441.

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THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS is looking for a Clerk of Council. The following skills are part of the job requirements: computer literate, typing skills, note taking skills, telephone skills, ability to communicate well in writing and verbally. Application deadline is December 30, 1993. Send resume to: Bay St. Louis City Council, P.O. Box 2550, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

81 Appliances

FORMER PAUL & SON APPLIANCES under new management: Paul & Santa Cruz. Washer, dryer, a/c, refr., & stove repairs. Used appliances for sale. All parts available, 90 days warranty. 467-7378.

MAGIC CHEF ELECTRIC RANGE, 30" stainless top in front. \$50; Brunswick gas range, 20", \$100. 452-7244.

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Lakeshore, MS 39558
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82 Antiques, Collectibles

OLD SOUTH ANTIQUES & FLEA Market Rental spots, reasonable rates. Hwy. 90 One mile west of Waveland Ave. Ph. 466-4990.

83 Items For Sale

1985 YAMAHA 3-WHEELER, 60 SHAFT drive, excellent condition, \$375; Large work shed 10' wide 25' long, like new \$1,800. 467-3642.

1 EXERCISE BIKE WITH ODOMETER, never used exercise slant board. \$75 Both. 23in. color T.V., Zenith, with stand \$90. 467-5415 after 5:30pm.

2 DIAMOND PENDANT, 2 BLACK Onyx ring/diamond, 1 diamond ring & band. 467-3972 after 4pm.

2 PVS SP-2 SPEAKERS, PV mike. Hamer guitar, \$700 firm. 467-4383.

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CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. TOYS, books, shoes small appliances, etc. Jeans from \$1.99 pair and up; Children's clothing 89¢ and up; Men's clothing 99¢ and up. Goodwill Store, Bay Mall Shopping Center, Dunbar & Highway 90, Monday thru Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 467-7277.

COFFEE TABLE, ROUND, GLASS-TOP, excellent condition, \$30; dinette set, 4 upholstered chairs, formica top, extra leaf, good condition, \$80. 255-9564.

DRUM SET, CB700, 6 DRUMS, 6 cymbals, mallets, sticks, stands. \$500, obo. 467-9035.

FOR SALE: 8 HP CHIPPER, \$800; 4x8 utility trailer, \$350; sleep sofa, \$100. 255-5919.

FOR SALE: MANUAL HOSPITAL BED \$50, call 467-8478 after 6pm.

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PLANTS, FURNITURE, DOLLS, PURSES, clothes dryer, mens' clothing, books, records, heaters, bird cages, dishes. 467-1059.

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SHELLED PECANS FOR SALE. 467-4472.

SILVER FOX JACKET, WAIST LENGTH, excellent condition, \$300 or best offer. 466-3949.

USED: 5 3X3 ALUMINUM windows, 2 3 Riser concrete steps, \$135. 467-1780.

USED T.V.'S, \$75 & UP. Bob's T.V. Service, 2052 Waveland Ave., Waveland, MS. 467-4443.

84 Furniture

34" WIDE OAK 4 DRAWER CHEST, \$40. 467-7117.

FOR SALE: DAYBED WITH TRUNDLE & mattress, \$150; queen size sofa hide-a-bed, \$150. Call 467-3280 or 467-7608.

86 Business Equipment

FOR SALE: FORD 2000 TRACTOR AND box blade. Excellent condition. \$4,200. BSL 601 466-4306.

88 Tools, Machinery

BLAST OFF ALL PAINT: A 1500 PSI Pressure Washer & Paint Stripper. Save weeks of scraping. CROWN EQUIPMENT. 467-3677.

MILWAUKEE, MAKITA DRILLS, SANDERS, tools, boxes, etc. Picks, hammers, piper racks, ladders, air compressor. 467-1059.

90 Pets

FREE PUPPIES: MOTHER, AKC registered Springer Spaniel. Father, unknown. 6 weeks old. 467-7814.

ROOSTERS ONLY: ARACUAUA & white, black & buff silkies, \$5 each or 3 for \$12. 466-6337 or 467-5951.

93 Yard Sales

BAY WAVELAND WOODWORKS and flea market. 12 inside dealers, antiques, collectibles, glass, tools, dolls, gingerbread, and mantles. Open 7 days. 10 till dark Hwy 90, Waveland, Ms. Buy. 601 467-2628. Sell.

DEADLINES FOR YARD, GARAGE SALES advertisements appearing in THURSDAY'S Editions of THE SEA COAST ECHO is 4 p.m. TUESDAY'S.

EVERYDAY IS SALE DAY AT YOUR Bay St. Louis Goodwill Store, Bay Mall Shopping Center, Dunbar & Highway 90. Mon. thru Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 467-7277.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, MULTI-FAMILY Estate Sale. 508 Jeff Davis, Waveland. 9-4pm. Large green leather sofa, matching recliner and rocker with Ottoman, antiques, clothes, books, kitchen items.

96 Wanted To Buy

CASH ON THE SPOT FOR used furniture and appliances. One piece or house full. Paying top dollar. 467-4099.

QUICK CASH FOR ALMOST ANYTHING before yard sale hassel, moving or cleaning out. We buy households, furniture, antique, tools, toys, bric-brac, etc. Piece or house full. No answer leave message. 467-4857.

128 Boats & Motors

1993 KAWASAKI 750XI JETSKI with tilt, warranty, information video, and magic tilt trailer, \$6,500. 466-4816.

CAPTAIN MURPHY'S MARINE SERVICE: boat repairs & renovations. Boat canvas, woodwork, electrical & mechanical. Free estimates. 467-1380.

FOR SALE 25-FT 1985 Wellcraft, 248 Offshore, twin Johnson 140 HP outboards, radar arch with rod holders, depth finder, Ioran, radar, vhf radio, outriggers, 1990 Magic Tilt trailer, \$13,500. Nights and weekends 601-255-9077 or Mike Wolford days at 504-393,7000.

ONE 34 FT. PARTY BARGE, 88 HP Evinrude motor, excellent condition, \$12,000. 466-9517.

133 Auto Parts/Service

WE BUY JUNK CARS: CALL ANYTIME. 467-5558.

136 Automobiles

1971 CHEVELLE MALIBU \$1,500 firm. 350 Automatic runs great, restorable. 467-0228.

1980 MONTE CARLO, AUTOMATIC, rebuilt 350 high performance engine, many extras, \$2,000 obo. 1980 Datsun, automatic, runs good. \$650. 533-7001.

4 CYC. MODIFY PINTO DIRT CAR. Race ready, extra body, must sell \$2,300. obo. 504-662-5628.

70 VOLKSWAGON BUS, SELF-CONTAINED, rebuilt engine, \$700. 466-6346.

78 BUICK LASABRE, Good interior, selling parts or whole. 466-4335.

80 TOYOTA STATION WAGON: automatic, \$775. 467-0301.

84 BUICK REGAL, GOOD SHAPE, Motor locked up. Asking \$500. 467-8580.

AUTO INSURANCE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS as low as \$24. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607.

FOR SALE: 78 T-BIRD: BODY & transmission. Good parts car, \$250. 466-4868.

138 Trucks, Vans

FOR SALE: 78 FORD 250 Truck. 467-7378.

147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM UNFURNISHED APARTMENT for rent. 467-2624.

APARTMENT 2 BEDROOM COMPLETE furnished, central air/heat, Jourdan River Subdivision off 603. Ideal for one person. \$300/month, \$150/deposit. 255-1264.

FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM FURNISHED apartment, Mole Dr. \$500/month plus \$200 deposit. 467-6858.

FULLY FURNISHED: ONE, TWO, THREE bedroom apartments for you and your holiday guests. Weekly rates, all amenities included. 467-3388.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS: 2 bedroom. Call 467-5882.

READY TO MOVE INTO! 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, \$390 - \$410 - \$425. 467-6882.

147 Apartments For Rent

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS. One bedroom, starting at \$260; Two bedroom, starting at \$290; three bedroom \$375. Section 8 welcome. 452-9901.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM MOBILE home, Standard/Dedaux Road. \$325/month plus deposit. 255-7480.

FOR RENT, FULLY FURNISHED, extra clean, 2 bedroom mobile home, Country atmosphere. \$400/mo plus deposit. 467-1560 or 467-2991.

TWO BEDROOM TRAILER FOR RENT Kila area. Call after 4:30. 255-5529.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

12x36 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH \$1,500. or best offer. Call anytime after 4pm. 466-2522.

1994 14 WIDE, 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, \$889 down, \$197 month. Please call 388-7773.

FOR SALE: 1987 24x48 DOUBLE WIDE, energy pack, fireplace, many extras. Moving must sell Call evenings 3-10pm. 255-7833, 255-9345.

MOBILE HOME INSURANCE: BEST PRICES on the Coast. No money down. Easy monthly payments. Paul Smith, Insurance Agency. 467-4607.

150 Unfurn. Houses For Rent

3 BED, 1 BATH HOME FOR RENT \$400.00 per month. 424 Webster St. Call ERA Bay Shore Realty 467-0244.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, \$525/MONTH with \$525 deposit. Ask for Chari, Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp. 467-3777.

BSL: FOR LEASE 3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 bath fully furnished home on bayou. Freshly painted & immediately available. 1 year lease required with 1st & last months. Rent due at occupancy. 467-4618.

FOR RENT: 2 or 3 BEDROOM, fenced yard, close to Casinos and water, Waveland. \$450 per month, \$300 deposit. Call 1 504 345-8239.

FOR RENT OR SALE: SMALL Cottage, waterfront off Hwy 603. 467-7378.

MOLE DR. IN BAY ST. LOUIS: 2 bedroom could be 3, 2 baths, on water. 504-752-8850.

151 Furn. Houses For Rent

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, DOUBLE garage, Diamondhead. \$1000/month plus \$800 deposit. 255-2787.

153 Real Estate Wanted

LEASE PURCHASE: JOURDAN River access for sight seeing boat operation. Prefer access off of Blue Meadow Rd. Size negotiable. Ben Yglesias 1-800-324-7214.

156 Lots/Acreage

15 LOTS FOR SALE: \$500 EACH, 50X107 some larger in Waveland, Hancock & Pearllington. Will finance. 467-2947.

2 BEAUTIFUL LOTS LOCATED 1 block from beach. Not in flood area, good neighborhood. Water, sewerage, & gas available. FHA approved. Price to sell. Call 467-5984.

4 ACRES FOR SALE - WAVELAND City limits. Large oaks & hardwood, Great building site. Call 467-7353 after 5pm.

FOR SALE: 3 ADJOINING LOTS, 50X100 each, \$7,500. Owner financing. 799-1445.

LOT FOR SALE - 97' x 156' on Waveland Ave. Call 467-7353 after 5pm.

NATURAL BAYOU: 2 lots, 135' on water, paved road, power, 5/10 minutes to 'Bay', \$6,500 each. Excellent financing. 467-3731.

158 Commercial Property

OFFICE SPACE - 900 SQUARE FEET in Waterfront Plaza Hwy. 90 next to Waveland Police Dept. Call Herb ERA BAY-SHORE REALTY 467-0244.

159 Houses For Sale

15 AND 30 YEAR PURCHASE OR refinance mortgage loans. Call Financial Service Corp. 467-5793.

2 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS, LARGE living room, large den, utility room, central heat/air. 547 Meadow Lane, Waveland, \$50,000. 467-4759.

9 1/2 ACRES, 3 RENTALS, ONE HOUSE & 2 trailers, \$69,000. Lower Bay Road. 467-2947.

BAY ST. LOUIS - NEAR BEACH and downtown, excellent neighborhood, 2BR fixer-upper, \$28,500. Call Pressman Realty 467-2224 or 467-1098.

Contemp. Brick Home, Wooded, area by golf course 4BR/3BA, 1700 sf, fenced bk. yd., patio, \$59,900, 452-7925/688-5682.

FAUCETTA HOMES

Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Diamondhead, three and four bedrooms, from \$70,000 up. Easy to qualify. 467-5845.

HENDERSON POINT - TWO-STORY, brick 4BR, 2BA, large lot, circular drive. \$49,900. Call Pressman Realty 467-2224 or 467-1098.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 10 MINUTES from Casino Magic. Waterfront 2 bedroom, Jourdan River Estates, \$45,500. 467-3288 or 467-3550.

159 Houses For Sale

NEW HOMES NEARLY COMPLETED off 2nd St., Pass Christian. Over 1400 sq. ft., heat/cool, \$62,000 & \$75,000. Call Sue Calhoun, Prudential Bailey Real Estate, home 467-7476.

PRECIOUS COUNTRY BLUE HOME on Birch St. in Waveland. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, kitchen appliances included. 467-3321.

WHOOPE HERE IT IS! Spacious townhouse, private patio, 2/3 bedroom. \$625. Deposit required. 467-5469.

Public Notices

PUBLIC HEARING
The Bay St. Louis Planning and Zoning Commission will hold public hearings on Wednesday December 8, 1993, 7:30 p.m., in the City Hall Annex, 111 Court St., to consider the following:

1. Gloria Forell application for Special Exception, which was tabled on October 20. Also to be considered will be the application for Special Exception for the Golf Clubhouse on their place of property, bound on west by Engman and North by Thomas.

2. Both applications are part of Phase II site plan, to be reviewed at this meeting.

3. Shelley Comeaux application for variance to zoning. The proposed additions to the house will infringe on the 37' front and 10' side restrictions. The property in question is located at 413 Thomas St. and described as 1st Ward, Lot 248 Bay St. Louis, Hancock County.

4. Gloria Forell application for special subdivision. The property in question is located at 1188 N. Beach Blvd. and described as Lot 58 and East 34 1/2 ft. of Lot 55, 1st Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County.

5. Global Outdoor application for sign variance. Proposed sign is to replace pre-existing outdoor advertising structure. The property in question is located adjacent to the north side of the north service drive of U.S. Highway 90 and adjacent to the southern side of Carroll Ave., being a part of Lots 64-67 of the plat of Gulf States Imp. Comp. Sub-Div. in the heart of the orig. 1st Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County.

6. Mary Gorman application for Special Exception to the Zoning Ordinance. A variance is being requested for a Bed and Breakfast. The property in question is located at 217 Union St. and described as 1st Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County.

Information for the above mentioned hearings is available for review during the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday in the office of the Municipal Clerk, City Hall Annex.

All interested parties are urged to attend.
Laura Griffith,
Secretary
Planning and Zoning
Commission
11-21; 11-28; 12-5-93

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The City of Bay St. Louis invites sealed bids for the supply and delivery of:

1. ROAD MATERIALS.....T4001
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3. CONCRETE.....T4003
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6. WATER METERS.....T4006
7. WATER PARTS.....T4007
8. SEWER PARTS.....T4008
9. GAS PARTS.....T4009
10. GAS METERS.....T4010
11. CULVERTS.....T4011
12. LEASED EQUIPMENT.....T4012

Interested bidders may pick up specifications at City Hall from the Municipal Clerk's Office, 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521. If you would like to receive a copy of the specifications by mail write: City of Bay St. Louis, City Hall, Attention Gordon Bell, Purchasing Department, PO Box 2650, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521. You may call 801-467-9052.

We will stop receiving bids at 5:00 P.M., December 14, 1993.

L. KAY JOHNSON, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK
11-28; 12-5-93

Public Notices

LEETOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

AND FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 1993

ASSETS

Current Assets

Fixed Assets

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Equity

Unrestricted Fund Balance

Fixed Asset Group of Accounts

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

REVENUES

Tax Millage

Fuel Tax

Department Supplies

Insurance - Bonds

Repairs & Maintenance

Uniforms

Legal Advertisements

State Fire Academy

Office Supplies

Capital Outlay

New Building Cost

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

EXCESS REVENUES OVER

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE -

ENDING FUND BALANCE -

September 30, 1993

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

JUDY G. LEE, do hereby certify that I am the duly

elected and qualified secretary-treasurer of the Leetown Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, and that the above statement showing the financial condition of said district is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; that said statement was prepared in accordance with normal accounting procedures and in accordance with existing state law; that said district received the proceeds of a 4 mill tax levy as indicated hereinabove and that no water and sewer rates were imposed or collected.

Certified at the Leetown Fire Station in Leetown, Mississippi, this 13th day of November, 1993.

JUDY G. LEE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

Published by order of the Board of Commissioners of the Leetown Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, this 13th day of November, 1993.

(SEAL)

JUDY G. LEE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF PEARL RIVER

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the above said jurisdiction, Judy G. Lee, who acknowledged that she signed sealed and delivered the foregoing instrument of writing on the day and year therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 23rd day of November 1993.

(SEAL)

CONNIE MARLENE MEINEL, NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: June 5, 1997

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Bay St. Louis Schools Claims Docket

BAY ST. LOUIS SCHOOLS

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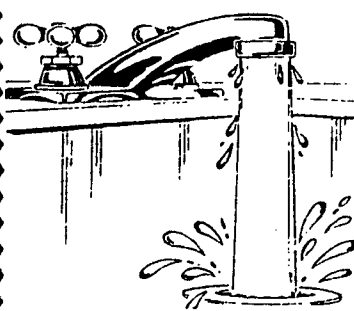
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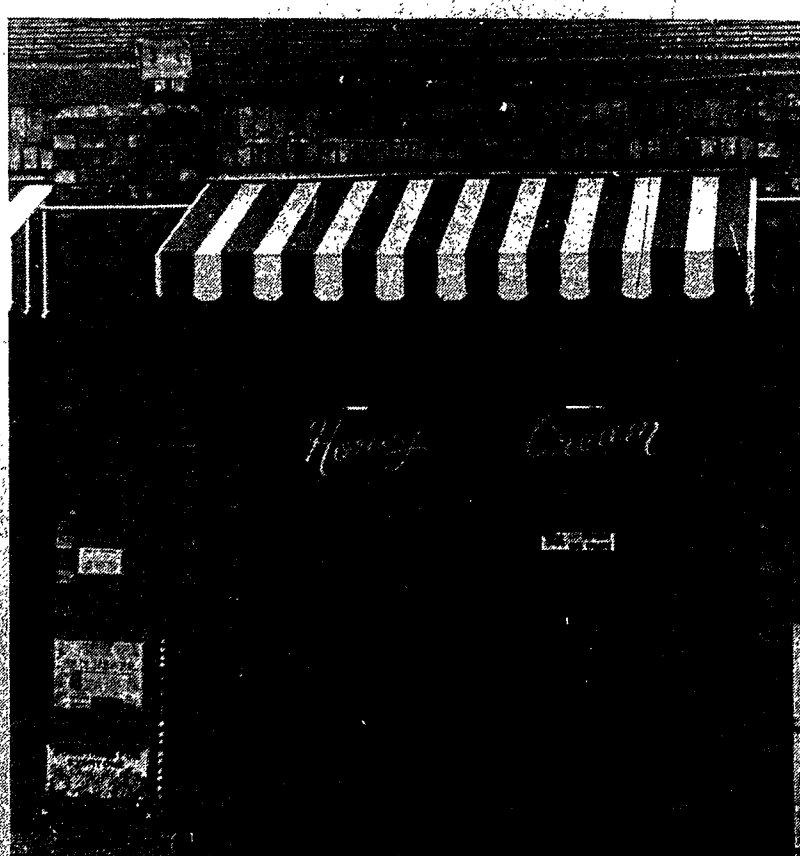
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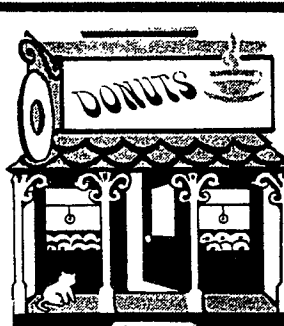
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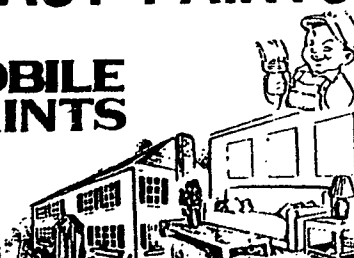
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Rituals, traditions connect families to past

Rituals and traditions endeared by families create strong bonds to the past.

Just the mention of holiday traditions — like opening gifts on Christmas morning or carving turkey on the big day or joining the family at grandmother's house — conjures up fond memories and dreams of the best of times.

Rituals and traditions should be cherished by families, says Dr. Karen Mitchell, assistant professor of home economics at The University of Mississippi.

"There's something about repeating the same behavior that gives us a kind of certainty about ourselves and our family. We get married with a ritual, there are traditions to celebrate the birth of our children — as well as birthdays, anniversaries and other milestones in our lives — and then there are final rituals when we die."

Handed down through generations, holiday traditions alone can allow families to write their own storybooks, complete with pictures.

However, happily-ever-after endings to those stories often have to be scratched because of problems arising when family structures change: a new marriage, the birth or adoption of a child, divorce, death and any other event that change the course of life.

Marriage, for example, merges individuals who come from different backgrounds. Deciding such things as where to spend Christmas, when to open the gifts, when to decorate the tree, and whether to celebrate with turkey or lasagna can all throw a cloud over the celebration.

So what's a family to do? Dr. Mitchell, who is a specialist in family relations, offers

some suggestions.

"Those decisions should be treated like any other issue or problems in relationships," said the Ole Miss professor. "Talk about them, and if you care about the other persons involved, you have to consider what's important to them."

For young couples who are just establishing their homes, with or without children, changing holiday traditions may mean disappointing parents, but it's important for couples to remember that their primary responsibility is to their spouses, said Mitchell.

Blended families, where second marriages often bring together two sets of children, face special problems as they

contend with traditions from both sides. "Instead of drawing straws, compromising or switching past rituals from year to year, it may be refreshing for blended families to begin new traditions, something creative and totally different that can set them apart as a unique family," suggested the professor.

The aging of family members can throw the most endeared family traditions off course. "Families with three generations who have been gathering for years at Grandmother's house may have to let go, regroup and include Grandmother in a new family tradition," said Mitchell. "While we need to realize the value of long-time traditions in families, we

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Celebrations differ around the globe

As the holidays approach, anticipation of re-visiting beloved Christmas traditions dances in our heads. These traditions bind us together as families and as a nation.

Like the United States, nations throughout the world celebrate the Christmas season with a flavor unique to their heritage and lifestyles.

For example, the French cele-

families traditionally eat a meal of any of a variety of fish dishes — pasta with fish sauce, baked fish, fish salad and fried fish.

"This custom goes back to the days when the vigil before a big feast was a meatless meal, so in the older days, they substituted fish. Even though you can have meat now, people like to adhere to the custom, so they will make

my mother would read the Christmas story from the Bible after that, and then we would unwrap the presents," Koebeke said.

It was also customary for many Germans to attend church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, she said.

Because Brazil is in the southern hemisphere, Christmas, or "Natal" in the Portuguese language, occurs there during the hottest time of the year.

"Nevertheless, Brazilians have a Santa Claus, 'Papai Noel,' which looks very much like ours in the United States. He sweats a lot more down there, however," said Dr. Melvin Arrington, associate professor of modern languages.

Extended families in Brazil gather for visiting and eat heavy meals of turkey and pork. Presents are opened at midnight on Dec. 24.



brate on Christmas Eve with "Le Reveillon," a big dinner featuring the special dessert "Buche De Noel," or Christmas Log. The dessert is made of cake, which is filled with ice cream and covered in chocolate, according to Dr. Santo Arico, associate professor of modern languages.

"Le Pere Noel," or Father Christmas, visits good little French children, who find his gifts on Christmas morning.

Also, French Christians will often display the "Creche," a representation of the nativity scene, and attend church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

In Italy, the celebration of Christmas has more of a Christian emphasis than in the United States, according to Arico.

"For example, Italian children do not write letters to Santa Claus. They send letters to 'Il Bambino Gesu' — the baby Jesus — and put the letters under their plates at the dining room table," the Ole Miss professor said.

In years past many Italian families did not put up a Christmas tree because the tree was considered a pagan symbol; they only displayed "Il Presepio," a nativity scene. However, in modern Italy, Christmas trees have become much more accepted, seen in many homes and public squares.

On Christmas Eve, Italian

all kinds of dishes featuring fish," Arico said.

On Christmas Day, Italians exchange gifts and celebrate with another large meal, which features many special holiday pastries and cookies.

"Nikolaus," the equivalent of Santa Claus, fills the stockings of good little German children with candy and sweets on Dec. 6, but the "Christkind," or Christ Child, brings them toys on Dec. 25, according to Kerstin Koebeke, an Ole Miss graduate student instructor from Germany.

On each Sunday afternoon during Advent, many German families serve a few special Christmas cookies with coffee. "But you have to wait until Christmas day to get the big load of cookies," said Ms. Koebeke, laughing.

The tradition of a Christmas tree originated in Germany, so it holds a special place in German celebration, the Ole Miss instructor said.

Usually after a large Christmas dinner — featuring a roast goose, carp, noodles, potatoes, red cabbage and other German specialties — the mother of the family goes into a closed room and puts the finishing touches on the Christmas tree, lighting the candles that decorate it, she related.

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also need to be flexible enough to recognize when it's time for a change."

Change from the usual customs may also be the best option following a family death, divorce, tragedy or other crisis.

"Instead of trying to go through the motion of celebrating with the usual traditions, people sometimes need to break free, change or get away," Mitchell suggested.


Adopted children can be made to feel they're an important part of a family through rituals and traditions. "Older adopted children often feel left out because they're not connected to their family members with physical characteristics. Traditions give them one more thread of continuity, of belonging," said the Ole Miss professor.

When considering the whole scheme of holiday traditions, families should also remember that little things can mean a great deal, especially to young children. "Baking a cake from Grandmother's recipe allows us to tell our children, 'Grandmother used to make this same German chocolate cake, and now I'm making it. It's going to taste exactly like hers did.' That's special to a child."

Families should take care that rituals and traditions don't become so routine that their importance is overlooked, said Mitchell. "We often do them

without realizing there's a reason. We forget they're important because they give us a connectiveness to our past and something we can pass on to the next generation."

Sharing stories about family traditions is another way to celebrate the season. Civic and church groups and other organizations might plan a holiday program featuring a speaker who is knowledgeable about traditions and rituals and end with a session where members tell how their own families celebrate the season, suggested Mitchell.



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2. Literally, what does Christmas mean?
3. What tree is known as the "Christmas tree"?
4. What is said to be the oldest and most traditional of Christmas party games?
5. When was *A Christmas Carol* first published by Charles Dickens? (a) 1843, (b) 1898, (c) 1900?
6. How was Boxing Day derived?
7. What are you supposed to do when you stir a homemade plum pudding?
8. When was the first Christmas tree described? (a) 1907, (b) 1705, (c) 1605.
9. What was frankincense used for?
10. What is myrrh?
11. On the 11th day of Christmas what, according to the song, did "my true love bring to me"?
12. Twelfth Night is the feast of what, and on which day does it fall each year?
13. What were mince pies originally made to symbolize?
14. On what tree is mistletoe usually found growing?
15. Was Good King Wenceslas a real or fictitious character?
16. What was the full name of the miser in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*?
17. Which Christmas song became the biggest-selling pop hit of all time?
18. Who had a chart-topping best-selling record with "Mary's Boy Child" at Christmas 1957?
19. Who, or what, were "mummers"?

20. What does the word "carol" mean?
21. The white-flowered winter-blooming hellebore (*Helleborus niger*) is better known as what?
22. When was Christmas first generally observed? (a) 2nd century (b) 10th century (c) 4th century.
23. What day marks the beginning of Christmas in Scandinavia?
24. What is the name for Santa Claus in Denmark?
25. Most American Christmas foods have their origins in Europe. What is one exception?



Answers

1. Capricorn.
2. Mass of Christ.
3. The spruce.
4. Blindman's Bluff.
5. (a) 1843.
6. It was a day when servants carried boxes around to collect bonuses from their employers.
7. Make a wish.
8. (c) 1605. A visitor to Strasbourg wrote, "They have fir trees here decorated with paper roses, apples, sugar, gold and wafers."
9. Embalming.
10. An aromatic resin, prized as a perfume and a medicine.
11. Eleven pipers piping.
12. Epiphany, celebrated on January 6.
13. The manger.
14. Apple trees (and sometimes oak, too).
15. Real. He was a good king of Czechoslovakia who was murdered by his jealous brother.
16. Ebenezer Scrooge.
17. Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" recorded by Bing

Crosby in 1942.

18. Harry Belafonte.
19. Actors and actresses in Middle Ages who went from house to house performing plays, especially at Christmas.
20. Joyous song.
21. The Christmas Rose.
22. (c) 4th century.
23. St. Lucia's Day on December 13.
24. Julenisse.
25. The cranberry, which was introduced to the Pilgrims by Native Americans.

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Safety tips when buying toys for holiday giving

Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, chances are you will be giving at least one present to a special child.

When choosing that perfect toy, it's difficult to know which toy is the most appropriate and the safest. Not only should the toy be interesting to the child, but it should also be durable and safe.

According to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were over 182,000 toy-related injuries in 1990.

Seemingly innocent toys such as tricycles, marbles and balloons are responsible for thousands of injuries each year.

The Mississippi Save Kids Coalition suggests the following guidelines when choosing safe toys for children.

Read all safety warnings and age recommendations on toys before they are purchased to insure that they are appropriate for your child.

— Do not purchase toys with small, removable parts for children under age three. Parts are too small if they can be placed in mouth, ears or nose.

— Toys should have no sharp edges or points.

— Toys constructed with

glass or brittle plastic are not recommended.

— Carefully check to see if the toy has movable parts which could entrap fingers, toes or head.

— When purchasing art supplies for children check the label to insure that they are designed to be used by children and are non-toxic.

Electrical plug-in toys are not advised for children under eight.

— Make sure that toy darts and projectiles have soft, non-removable rubber or cork ends to prevent eye injury.

— Show children how to use toys properly.

For more information, contact the Mississippi Safe Kids Coalition, which is coordinated by the Division of Disabilities Prevention a Division of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, 354-6107 or 1-800-852-8328.



The legend of Christmas flowers

The Bells On The Cactus

The Yuletide-blossoming Christmas cactus has given birth to many legends over the years. According to one Brazilian legend, a little boy who lived in the hot and steamy Amazon rainforest yearned for some small sign of Christmas amid all the tropical plants. When he awoke Christmas morning, there on his favorite cactus bloomed glorious red "bells."



Holly Of Selfless Love
The ancients tell us that holly berries used to be white. Then, when Jesus wore a crown of hol-



ly and thorns, the prickly crown cut His forehead and His blood stained the berries. Holly has borne red berries ever since as a reminder of Christ's suffering and love.

Miracle Leaf Plant

Each year, the kalanchoe produces young plantlets from the center of its scalloped oval leaves as Christmas draws near. Because of this new growth, the plant has come to symbolize the true message of Christmas—Christ's birth and the redemption of the world through God's love.

Birth Of The Poinsettia

Mexican legend has it that a poor young boy, ashamed to enter church on Christmas Eve without a gift for the Christ child, knelt outside to pray.

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Sensational stocking stuffers

Stocking stuffers are usually the last item on your Christmas list. Sometimes it may be difficult to find the right surprises so we put in the same old gifts as last year. You can make this year special with these great ideas for sensational stocking stuffers.

Great gifts for guys
Men usually get socks, underwear and cologne. These gifts are nice, but rarely a big hit. Spice up his stocking this year with some of these great ideas.

Substitutes for Traditional Stuffers:

- * Racy or silky underwear
- * Wool argyles or luxurious cashmere socks
- Sports fans:**
 - * Tickets for an upcoming sports event
 - * Tennis balls for the tennis pro
 - * Golf balls for the golf fanatic
 - * Water bottles, tire pump or cycling gloves for the cyclist
 - * A watch or timer for runners

Executive Ideas:
* Cuff links
* Leather belt
* Suspenders
* Leather business card holder

For the lady of the house
The list of great gifts for women is endless. You're sure to make her smile Christmas morning with these unique goodies.

Substitutes for Traditional Stuffers:

- * Silky or lacy underwear or bra
- * Pantyhose with a design



* Imported bath soaps, powders or scented oils

* A sachet of potpourri

Simple Surprises:

Bracelets, bangles or earrings

* Hair accessories such as costume jewelry, hair clip, decorative combs or festive ponytail holders

* Sample of her favorite cosmetics

Working Women:

* Business card holder

* Scarf to match a suit

* Pins in funky shapes for the lapel or scarf

Lasting mementos for kids

It's always fun for children to get candy, stuffed animals, match box cars and windup toys, but here are some other ideas your child will cherish for years to come.

* U.S. Savings Bond

* A piece of heirloom jewelry-Grandma's brooch or pearls

* Christmas ornament with date printed on it

* Miniature pewter frame with a baby picture or well-loved family photo

With all these stocking stuffer ideas, you can't go wrong. don't wait until the last minute-start scouting out your stocking stuffer surprises early.

Christmas Countdown

6 Weeks To Go

- Start gathering your favorite holiday recipes.
- Write your Christmas gift list, try to include everyone and put a dollar amount for each person
- Order catalog gifts now.

5 Weeks To Go

- Send out a list of the kids' sizes and gift ideas to those who have asked for lists.
- Draw names for family gift exchanges so you all have time to shop.
- Make a grocery list for the ingredients you'll need for your holiday baking; shop ahead.
- Start picking up inexpensive stocking stuffers for the kids.

4 Weeks To Go

- Find out sizes and gift ideas for people you are still missing in the family.
- Have the kids work ahead and make gift tags from colored construction paper. They can also decorate wrapping paper by coloring on tissue paper and brown paper bags.
- Write a Christmas letter to include in your Christmas cards and have it photocopied. This will be a big time-saver for you!

3 Weeks To Go

- Have prints made of family photos to include in your Christmas cards.
- If you still need to place a catalog order, this is your last chance. Be sure to place your orders by phone and verify that your order will arrive before Christmas.
- Check out your wrapping paper supply. Do you need to pick up some more paper, bows, tags or ribbon?
- Finish your holiday baking. Most cookies and candies freeze beautifully.

2 Weeks To Go

- Get started on your indoor decorating. Don't forget the holiday towels in the kitchen and bathroom.
- Check your gift list and make sure you have something for everyone.
- Mail out the last of your Christmas cards.
- Test the tree lights.
- Buy batteries for the gifts that will need them. Remember how disappointed the kids are when they get a new toy they can't play with because there are no batteries.

1 Week To Go

- It's time to relax! Put up your feet and enjoy the holidays—you can because this year you're ready!



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Add sparkle to the holidays with jewelry

The gift in demand this holiday season is something that won't break the bank, but also has a lasting value.

There is a gift that is surprisingly affordable, lasts over time, looks good and makes you feel good when you wear it—real jewelry.

And a piece of new jewelry can change the look of last year's wardrobe. Jewelry can add color and sparkle to perk up any style.

When it comes to color, enameled jewelry is the current favorite. It adds vibrancy to any piece and is affordable. Less expensive but beautiful stones like tourmaline, blue topaz and amethyst are being used as well.

And, color in jewelry even extends to precious metals, such as gold. Simple, affordable gold jewelry in combinations of pink, yellow and white gold have a fresh look. Add texture to the different types of gold and

you have something unique.

Anything that can be interchanged with something else to create a different look is what's selling.

Jewelry that has movement, for example, especially dangling earrings and charm bracelets, are this year's accessory and choice with festive holiday dresses.

And you can change the entire look by simply purchasing an add-on, or charm, for a price that will ring the right bells for your pocketbook.

Jewelers of America (JA) the national association dedicated to consumer information and education about fine jewelry, suggests that anyone looking for that "ideal" gift should visit their local jeweler.

There you can find a selection of beautiful jewelry within your price range that can be worn for any occasion and with any style of dress, from jeans to your fanciest holiday clothes.



Kathy Winn trims her tree at Creole Kitchen in Bay St. Louis.



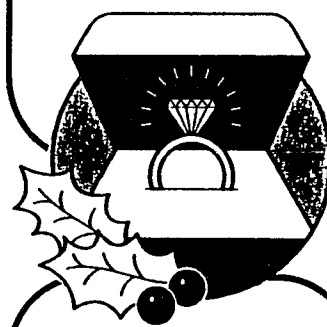
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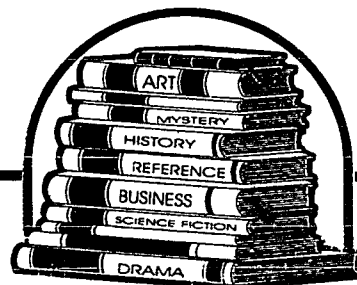
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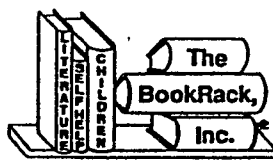
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Begin by mixing the soap and water together with an electric or rotary beater. The mixture should be the consistency of meringue or whipped cream. Continue to add soap or water as needed. If you're making snowballs or figures, the mixture should be dense. One regular size of soap should not have

more than two cups of water added.

After the mixture is complete, you can apply the snow to trees or other greens. Wearing rubber gloves protects you from the pine needles. Drape handfuls of the snow on each branch. For a lighter snowfall, flick the soap on using a whisk or long-bristled brush.

The last step is to sprinkle the mixture with dry soap flakes. This gives your decorations the fluffy white look you want. Let your decoration dry at least 90 minutes before moving.

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Every year, millions of holiday shoppers make a vow to start their Christmas shopping before Thanksgiving Day sales begin — but how many actually accomplish this task? Not many.

You will inevitably see hundreds of frantic shoppers running around the local shopping mall looking for Secret Santa gifts, or stocking stuffers, or for a small something for that one person they didn't now they would be seeing during the holidays but mom has just invited to Christmas Eve dinner.

The best solution to this problem is to keep an ongoing list, all year long, of different gift ideas for relatives and friends, and to purchase the items throughout the year as they go on sale.

You may miss some of the last-minute holiday sales, but it will save you the aggravation of being stuck in traffic, trying to find a parking spot, being jostled around at the sale table, and standing in long lines at the cashier counter.

Keep in mind that not all presents should be purchased too long in advance.

If you are afraid that clothing may need to be returned because the recipient's size is changing or a warranty card on an electronics item has to be sent back within a specific time period after purchase, you should wait until the stores begin advertising their holiday sales before you buy these items.

Another important consideration for early shopping would be if you are planning on buying something expensive for a loved one.

In this case, it is best to buy the present first, so that you are certain to have enough money for the rest of the gifts you need to buy.

Although early Christmas shopping is not something that many of us seem to be able to accomplish, it really is the best plan — not only for your pocketbook but also for your mental well-being.

Get it out of the way, avoid numerous last-minute trips to the mall, and sit back and relax — and watch the news stories about the crazed holiday shoppers on your television at home.



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Plants make lasting gifts

By Bethany Waldrop
MSU Ag Communications

For the hard-to-shop-for, plants can be memorable gifts to brighten any home or office. Unlike many other gifts, plants are easy to shop for, come in colors and sizes to please almost anyone and can last for years with proper care.

Dr. Milo Burnham, extension horticulture specialist at Mississippi State University, said plants make good planned or last-minute gifts.

"Plants make excellent last-minute gifts because they are so widely available," Burnham said. "You can pick them up in nurseries, garden centers, florist shops and even grocery stores, since many now have full-service floral departments."

Plants also make welcome gifts for co-workers or your favorite group of workers.

"Co-workers can enjoy their plants on their desks in the office before the holidays and take them home to enjoy with their families," Burnham said.

Blooming holiday plants, such as the poinsettia, are very popular as gifts and can last several weeks. Non-blooming green plants can be decorated to reflect the holiday season.

"Potted green plants can be decorated with red or gold foil, bright bows and small, festive ornaments," Burnham said.



"With proper care, a potted plant can easily last five years or longer."

Norfolk island pines are popular live Christmas gifts. These trees can easily be decorated like Christmas trees and will live for years if given proper care.

Other popular holiday gift plants include cyclamens, popular for their red or white blooms; winter flowering begonias in different colors; and gloxinias and African violets in a wide range of colors, popular for repeated blooming.

"Christmas pepper plants make unusual gifts," Burnham said. "The small, ornamental plants have colorful peppers, usually red, and bright green foliage."

A blooming Christmas cactus makes a colorful gift that will last for years. Most Christmas

cacti bloom during the Thanksgiving holidays.

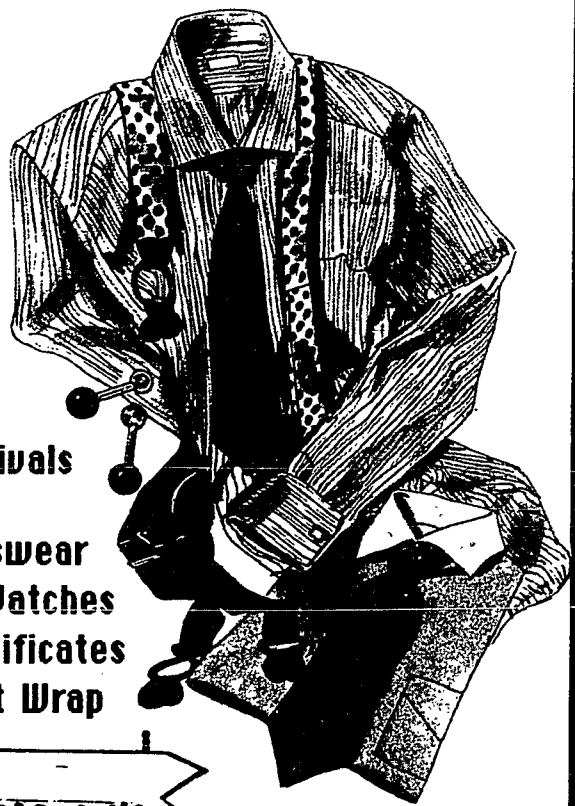
For far-away friends and relatives, potted, dormant amaryllis bulbs make good gifts that are easily shipped. Many bulb companies offer the dormant bulbs as a gift selection, including the potted bulb and directions for care.

When purchasing or wiring plants for gifts, make sure complete instructions for care of the plant will be included.

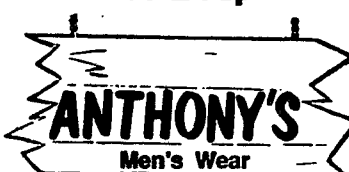
For maximum holiday enjoyment, Burnham suggested keeping plants away from drafts, in bright light, but not direct sun and in moist but not wet soil.



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1 cup hazelnuts (filiberts), toasted* and coarsely chopped

Gloss Frosting (below)

1 package (3 ounces) Swiss confectionery bar (white chocolate), melted, if desired

25 chocolate-covered coffee beans, if desired

Heat oven to 350°. Grease bottom only of square aluminum pan, 9x9x2 or 8x8x2

inches. Prepare brownie mix as directed on package — except substitute the brewed coffee for the water and stir in the hazelnuts with the mix.

Spread in pan. Bake 9-inch pan about 45 minutes, 8-inch pan about 48 minutes. Cool completely. Frost with Glossy Chocolate Frosting.

Drop white chocolate by 1/2 teaspoonfuls into 25 evenly spaced mounds onto chocolate frosting. Place coffee bean on top of each mound. Cut into about 1 3/4-inch squares.

Makes 25 squares.

GLOSSY CHOCOLATE FROSTING

3 tablespoons shortening

3 ounces unsweetened chocolate

2 cups powdered sugar

1/3 cup brewed coffee or 1 tablespoon instant coffee granules dissolved in 1/3 cup hot water

1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat shortening and chocolate in 2-quart saucepan over low heat until melted. Stir in remaining ingredients; beat until smooth. Place pan of frosting in bowl of ice and water; continue beating until spreading consistency.

*TOASTING NUTS

Most nuts taste rich and good fresh out of the shell. But, it's toasting that brings out their

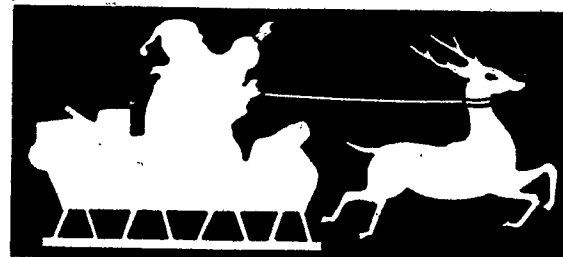
fullest flavor.

Toasting nuts is easy. Most importantly, watch them carefully because the time between prime toasting and scorching is short. These methods work for any type of nut.

• **Skillet method:** Sprinkle nuts in an ungreased, heavy skillet. Cook over medium heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until nuts begin to brown. Then, stir constantly until nuts are golden brown.

• **Oven method:** Spread nuts in a shallow ungreased pan and bake, uncovered, in a 350° F. oven for 6 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently, until light brown.

• **Microwave method:** Mix softened margarine or butter and nuts in microwaveable pie plate and microwave on high, stirring every 30 seconds, until light brown. One teaspoon margarine and 1/2 cup nuts will take 2 1/4 to 3 minutes.



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Enjoy holiday treats with less fat, calories

By Bethany Waldrop
MSU Ag Communications

People often think of rich, fattening goodies when they think of the holiday season, but with a little creativity, holiday treats can be both light and delicious.

Dr. Melissa Mixon, extension human nutrition specialist at Mississippi State University, said although an occasional high-fat dessert won't doom your diet, it is easy to put on extra pounds during the holidays.

"During the holiday season, we are constantly around home-made goodies and large meals — food seems to be the center of our social structure," Mixon said. "But treats don't have to be high in fat and calories to taste great."

Some treats are naturally low in fat, such as sherbets, fruits, meringues and some puddings.

When making homemade goodies, the amount of fat used may be reduced if it does not have a significant role in the recipe.

In most baked products, fat can be cut by one-fourth to one-third without affecting the overall quality of the product. In some recipes, applesauce can be substituted for fat, or used in place of half the fat.

To test the effects of fat reduction in a recipe, Mixon suggested using one-fourth less fat, and if the finished product still tastes good, try even less fat the next time.

"Reducing fat in a recipe usually will work for most cakes, breads or cookies, but not for pie crusts or pastries," Mixon said. "Don't use diet margarines for baking, since they have air and water whipped in for texture."

To reduce the fat used in making a pie, try reducing the fat used in a homemade graham cracker crust, or make a crustless pie.

When reducing the amount of sugar in a recipe, follow the same guidelines as for fat.

"Sometimes sugar can be reduced, but often sugar has an important function in a recipe, and sugar substitutes do not bake well," Mixon said. "Egg substitutes often bake well, but cannot be used in recipes where the egg yolk has an important role, such as a thickener."

Two egg whites can be used in place of a whole egg, instead of using an egg substitute. The egg whites often help add back volume that may be lost if fat is reduced in a recipe.

The nutritionist said two egg whites are lower in fat than

most egg substitutes, which usually are not fat-free.

If you do plan to indulge in high-fat goodies or desserts, Mixon suggested planning your eating for the rest of the day to avoid high-fat foods.

Mixon offered the following recipes as tasty alternatives to higher fat, higher calorie treats.

POPPY SEED ORANGE CAKE

4 egg whites
1 2/3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon poppy seeds
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup orange juice
2 teaspoon grated orange rind

Non-stick cooking spray
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat bottom of an 8 1/2-by-4 1/2-by-2 1/2-inch loaf pan with no-stick cooking spray and set aside.

In small mixing bowl, beat egg whites with electric mixer at high speed until stiff peaks form; set aside. Combine flour, baking powder, salt, sugar and

1 cup juice from pineapple and apricots

2 teaspoons lemon juice
Graham Cracker Crust:
1 cup crushed graham crackers

3 tablespoons margarine
To make crust, preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix graham cracker crumbs and margarine thoroughly. Save 1/4 cup of crumb mixture for top of pie. Press remaining crumb mixture into bottom and sides of 8-inch pie pan. Bake until crust is firm, about five minutes. Cool.

To make filling, drain pineapple and apricots, saving 1 cup juice. Coarsely chop apricots. Mix sugar, cornstarch and cinnamon in saucepan. Stir in fruit juice. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from heat, and add pineapple, apricots and lemon juice, mixing well. Spoon filling into crust and sprinkle remaining crumb mixture over top of filling. Chill until set. Makes eight servings.

Per serving: 170 calories, 5 grams total fat, 1 gram saturated fatty acid, 0 cholesterol, 125 milligrams sodium.

COCOA FUDGE CAKE

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup cocoa
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 1/4 cups cold water
1/2 cup vegetable oil
No-stick cooking spray
Cocoa frosting

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking pan with no-stick cooking spray. Sift flour, cocoa, sugar, salt and soda into a large bowl; add vinegar, vanilla, water and oil.

Beat at medium speed with an electric mixer for two minutes. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 30 to 35 minutes, or until cake springs back when touched in the center. Cool cake in pan and spread with cocoa frosting. Makes 24 servings.

Cocoa Frosting

1 1/2 cups confectioners sugar
3 tablespoons cocoa
3 tablespoons margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon water
3 tablespoons corn syrup
Combine sugar, cocoa, margarine and vanilla in medium mixing bowl. Combine water and corn syrup in saucepan and simmer, but do not boil. Add hot syrup to cocoa mixture and beat with electric mixer on low speed for 3 minutes or until frosting is smooth and glossy. Spread warm frosting over cake.

Per serving of cake with frosting: 162 calories, 6.4 grams fat, 0 cholesterol, 122 milligrams sodium.

PINEAPPLE-APRICOT PIE

Filling:
1-15 1/4 ounce can juice-packed crushed pineapple
1 16-ounce can juice-packed apricot halves
1/4 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon



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Open bann

BY AMY PICKICK

The Bay St. Louis City Council passed an open container ordinance Tuesday which prohibits possessing, consuming or transporting alcoholic beverages in open containers in public areas, including the beach.

Council member Tom Favre was the only dissenting vote.

A violation of the law could result in a fine of up to \$500 or 90 days in prison, or both.

The ordinance, which was recommended by Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McClure, was aimed at cutting down on littering and the problems associated with crowds gathering and consuming alcohol, which will become a problem in 30 days. Mayor Favre also recommended the ordinance.

"With the city growing rapidly, we are concerned

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BY MARY G. SEIBER

Hancock County Board Supervisors refused Monday to give final approval to requests from developers for a proposed casino on South Boulevard.

Instead, the board will record preliminary approval to the requests, mostly with county rights-of-way on the project's site. Final approval depends on the later review of development details.

"I'd just like to know what I'm doing before I approve anything," District 1 Supervisor Robert Peterson said after the requests from the casino.

Waveland grant

BY JANET MCQUINN

The Waveland Board of Aldermen zipped through a seven-item agenda Tuesday night in less than 15 minutes with little discussion.

Mayor Stella Favre requested a ban on smoking during meetings, citing complaints of several residents about the use of smoke-filled rooms.

Unanimous approval was given to all items, including the seeking of an outdoor recreation grant for improvements at Elwood Boulevard Park.

According to Waveland Community Development director Keith Mitchell, the maximum \$30,000 grant